

# ***THE TIE***

## ***TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH***

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***From Pastor Rick***

***Christmas is a wonderful time of the year as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus. The message of Christmas, the music and the decorations all remind us of God's love.***



***Also Christmas is the time that we Southern Baptists make our gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Every penny is used to support Southern Baptist missionaries as they go to share the gospel around the world. Today we have 5,013 missionaries that we support through the Lottie Moon offering. Last year they established 29,237 new churches and celebrated 360,876 baptisms. People need the Lord, so pray for our missionaries and give generously to the Lottie Moon offering for foreign missions. More information is available at [imb.org/weekofprayer](http://imb.org/weekofprayer). Our church goal this year is \$2500.***

***Merry Christmas and Happy New Year***

***I look forward to celebrating Christmas with you. Take note of all the worship opportunities that are offered. Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year. May God bless you always.***

## From Jennifer

The holiday season is beginning to settle upon us! You can feel excitement in the air as we prepare to celebrate our Savior's birth. This is one of the busiest times of year for everyone. Let's take care not to lose sight of the true meaning and celebration of Christmas.

"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:10-12

Let's take time in the hustle and bustle to remind those around us of the best gift of all this Christmas- God's love for us.

### Club 52:

Thank you to all who have supported Club 52 over the past year. As you know, Club 52 is no longer a part of the TBC budget. There will be opportunities throughout the year to help the youth through fundraising and donations. I will let you know when these arise. Thank you again for all of your support. YOU are what make the TBC youth experience such a memorable one!

### Mark Your Calendars:

The youth department has several exciting events coming up in December and January. Please try your best to be in attendance at each event, as well as for Sunday and Wednesday activities.

December 10: Christmas program dress rehearsal at 9:00 a.m. All manger scene participants please plan to be in attendance. This includes Mary, Joseph, the angels, the shepherds, and the wise men.

December 11: Christmas program during the Sunday morning service. Be sure to come to Sunday School to get ready.

December 30-January 1: Several of the youth, Dave, and I will be heading to Liberty University to Winterfest. Youth attending will need food money for at least 3 meals and for souvenirs. More info is to come! J

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### Tabernacle Baptist's Praise Dance Team "Anointed Ones"

The purpose of Dance Ministry is to promote creative expression through the art of expressive dance, and to provide an alternative language for the worship of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we engage in deep, humble worship and passionate praise, we will be educated by the Holy Spirit. Practices will be in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. This is for 1st graders up to teens. Bring bottled water & a towel. A sign-up sheet is on the children's bulletin board. Contact Chimere Brown at 257-3882 or email [Meetdabrowns@comcast.net](mailto:Meetdabrowns@comcast.net) with questions.

## From Rhonda

As we approach this Christmas season, I am truly thankful and blessed to have such a wonderful church family. For those of you that work with the children at TBC for any reason — Awana, Nursery, Children's Church, Sunday School, etc., I want to thank you for the love you show to our kids. You are teaching them about our Lord and Savior. You are an example for them on how to love the Lord and have a relationship with Him. Our kids are blessed to have each of you.

I am finalizing the Nursery/Preschool/Children Church/Wed Night Bible Study schedule for 2012. If anyone would like to help, it's not too late; just let me know. I promise you, you will be blessed.

Reminder - Your Christmas cards to church members can be put in the official "mailbox" in the hallway. Put your postage money in an envelope and put in this "mailbox" also (this box will be locked). The cards will be sorted and placed in the alphabetized bin located beside the mailbox. The postage money collected will help us reach our goal of \$2500 for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

A friend of mine shared this great message with me and I wanted to share it with all of you as we look to 2012. May we always remember:

- **God loves:** God's love is unconditional (1 John 4:16).
- **God listens:** When we pray, He gives us His full attention (Ps. 55:16-17).
- **God provides:** He will meet all our needs (Phil. 4:19).
- **God guides:** He directs our path when we trust in Him (Prov. 3:5-6).
- **God protects:** The Lord shields us spiritually, emotionally, and physically, sifting every experience through His sovereign finger. (Ps. 121:1-8).
- **God stays:** He's not absentee, He'll never leave or forsake us (Deut. 31:8).

So many of you touch my life and the lives of my family every day. From the Young family to all of TBC we want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support, guidance and most of all LOVE!!!

### Upcoming AWANA Themes

December 11—Holy Night (wear something with a hole in it)

December 18—Silent Night—No talking, Christmas Party

December 25 & January 1—No club due to the holidays

January 8—BARF Night—Be a real friend and bring a friend to AWANA

January 15—Crazy Socks/Slipper Night (wear crazy socks or slippers)

January 22—Layered Look Night (come dressed in layers)

# From Lynne



## Projection Schedule

December 11	Kyle Boyd
December 18	Hoss Young
December 25	Steve Breeden
January 1	Dutch Deitz
January 8	Hoss Young

## Special Music

December 11	Choir
December 18	Michelle Rothkopf
December 25	Christmas Songs
January 1	Linda Perdue
January 8	Rhonda Young

By the time this is read, the Christmas musical will be only a couple days away. The choir has worked hard to present "The First Noel, Born is the King" this Sunday morning, Dec. 11. Every song in this musical tells the story of a baby being born, not just any ordinary baby, but One who was God in flesh like ours, a King in a manger. This baby named Jesus gave His own life and death as payment for what we individually owe for our sin and He made it possible for us to spend eternity in Heaven with Him. What an amazing free gift!! God longs for every one of us, if we have not already done so, to respond to His gift by accepting through faith Jesus and how He provided Himself as the payment for our sin.

Toward the end of the musical after the youth take their places at the Nativity, there will be a time each person in the congregation can put in or around the manger a piece of paper (without your name on it) on which you state what you want to yield to Jesus this Christmas as an act of gratitude for all that He has done for you. For instance, you could give Him more of your love, time, service, finances, or maybe the bad habit you want to be freed from, or perhaps you want to be more obedient to Him, or maybe you just want to completely surrender your life to Him. Whatever you feel impressed to write and let that be a commitment to Him, just do it! There will be some in the service who have never personally and consciously accepted Jesus' free gift of salvation, turned their life over to Him and become a believer. Please pray that this could be their time to give Him their heart; this could be their First Noel!

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for always being so gracious to the Elmore family. We love you, and from Rick, Taylor, and myself, we wish you the most blessed Christmas season ever!

## **Church-wide Christmas Party, Saturday, December 10 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

Information about the cookie exchange - Everyone brings three dozen cookies, all the same kind. Then you can take home three dozen cookies that others have brought. This gives you a variety to take home. Be sure to bring a container to put your cookies in to take home.

Bring a \$10.00 gift for the Dirty Santa game if you want to play. Instructions on how the game is played will be explained at the party.

# Bulletin Board

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

*TBC is very thankful and appreciative of Rosemary Belvin for 20 plus years of service as our Financial Secretary. The recent years have been very difficult for both Bob and Rosemary. We have all lifted them to the Lord in prayer and we will continue to do so. Rosemary has resigned the position of Financial Secretary and Donna Smith will assume that role at Tabernacle. Special thanks go to several of our members who are presently covering that role until January 1 when Donna will take that responsibility.*

## Thank you

Dear Tabernacle Church Family,  
I can't begin to thank all of you for the prayers, cards, phone calls and meals that you gave to/for me during my surgeries. I have truly been blessed to be a part of such a great church family. I love you all. God bless.....Jackie

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for your visits, calls and cards, and thank you to all who signed the prayer letter I received. Love to all.  
Cecil and Ruby Cash

Tabernacle Family,  
You are such an amazing, loving and caring group of Saints. You are a blessing to me, especially during this season of loss in my life. Thank you for the dish garden, which brightens my living room, as well as all your cards and condolences. Sincerely, Julie Shelor

Tabernacle Baptist Church Members,  
The family of Mary Conner thanks the church family for the dish garden sent to her funeral service. Our sincere thank you to the Homebound Senior Ministry for their visits, cards and prayers when she became unable to attend the services at Tabernacle.

Thank you so much for your prayers, food and cards after my recent foot surgery. My mother, Dominique and I very much appreciated the meals you brought to us. I am blessed to have such a caring, kind and considerate church family and I love you all! Barbara Warren

*In past years the church has given envelopes of appreciation/ bonuses to staff members at Christmas. It has never been much, just a token of thanks for the jobs they do for the church. This year, because the finances of the church are stretched, there is no extra money for these "tokens of appreciation." The personnel committee would like you to consider giving toward this initiative that we may continue the tradition this year. Give what you can and it will be divided and presented to the staff. Thank you.....Personnel Committee*

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Greta Dickerson 1st	Ben Rothkopf 3rd
Marie Bedsaul 5th	Linda Perdue 5th
Karrie Wills 6th	Vivian Burcum 9th
Elnora Graham 12th	Hilda White 13th
Stefanie McAdam 14th	Jackie Caldwell 16th
Harvey Songer 17th	Ethan Roberson 18th
Eddie Hartman 22nd	Melody Cannon 26th
Tanya Jordan 26th	Juanita Doyle 29th
John Akers 30th	Debra Taylor 30th
Tina Stewart 30th	

## ***Weekly Schedule***

### **Sunday, December 11, 10:15-11:45 a.m.**

Birth-Age 2: Ashley Whitlow and Friend  
Age 3-K: Ashley Whitlow and Friend  
No Children's Church (Gr. 1-3)  
Wednesday Night, December 14 Lynne Elmore

### **Sunday, December 18, 10:15-11:45 a.m.**

Birth-Age 2: Janet Hale  
Age 3-K: Lindsey Bush/Ashley Whitlow  
Children's Church (Gr. 1-3) Tracy & Eddie Hartman  
Wednesday Night, December 21: No Activities

### **Opportunities for December 11-17**

#### **Sunday, December 11**

9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. "The First Noel"  
5:00 p.m. AWANA  
5:00 p.m. S.N.ISL  
5:00 p.m. 40 Lies Women Believe Bible Study

#### **Wednesday, December 14**

5:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice  
5:45 p.m. Dinner  
6:30 p.m. Prayer/Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Children/Youth Activities  
7:30 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal

#### **Thursday, December 15**

6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study  
11:30 a.m. Sr. Adult Luncheon at Country Cookin

### **Opportunities for December 18-24**

#### **Sunday, December 18**

9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
5:00 p.m. AWANA  
5:00 p.m. S.N.ISL  
5:00 p.m. 40 Lies Women Believe Bible Study

#### **Wednesday, December 21**

No activities due to Christmas

#### **Thursday, December 22**

No Men's Breakfast/Bible Study

#### **Saturday, December 24**

5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service/Lord's Supper

### **Wednesday Night Dinner December 14**

Turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert **or** salad bar  
Clean-up Team: Lindsey Bush/Jennifer Wood/Youth  
**\$5.00 per adult; \$3.00 children 6-12**  
**\$14.00 maximum per family**

*Please try to sign up on the bulletin board or let the office know by Tuesday if you are coming.*

*Due to holidays, there will be no Wednesday night dinner or other activities December 21st and 28th.*

## **Bulletin Board**

### **Project at Bob and Rosemary Belvin's Home** **241 Homeplace Drive Salem VA 24153**

Dear Friends of the Belvins

There is some excitement in the home of Bob and Rosemary! After 5½ years of sleeping in the Family Room (on a sleep sofa) and going to the Salem Family YMCA **DAILY** for showers, (there is no shower on the main level of the home and Bob can't manage stairs) several of their church friends are starting a project to remodel the garage into an accessible bedroom and bath.

Rosemary has stated that over the years many of you have offered and wanted to do something to help them, now is your chance. We have a core group responsible for all the labor, but we need help with financing for the materials.

Bob and Rosemary were hoping to refinance, take out a loan and build an addition to accommodate their basic daily needs. Bob and Rosemary have not been able to refinance their existing mortgage for various reasons. After much discussion we have figured out a way to convert their entry-level garage into a nice bed and bathroom.

There is a need for monetary contributions. Any amount, small or large, will be greatly appreciated. Checks may be made to "Friends of Bob and Rosemary Belvin" and sent to P O Box 727, Salem, VA 24153. An account will be set up at Member One for the project.

Since we may not get this letter out to everyone who would like to be a part of this project, please forward it to anyone you think would like to participate. The more friends we reach out to, the better.

Rosemary will be sending out e-mail updates of the progress and maybe even a picture or two! We will also report the status of contributions and how these contributions are used.

Thanking you in advance for helping with this exciting project ~

*Friends of Bob and Rosemary*

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions**  
**TBC's Goal: \$2500**  
**Received to Date: \$1327**

### **2012 Offering Envelopes**

The 2012 offering envelopes can be picked up starting December 14th. Stop by the table in the main hallway outside Pastor Rick's office.

### **Inclement Weather Policy**

If Salem City Schools are closed or dismiss early due to inclement weather, all church activities are cancelled that evening. On Sundays, a decision will be made by 7 a.m. Please check local TV stations or check the church website for updates at [www.tbcsalem.org](http://www.tbcsalem.org)