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*Our Mission:  
Glorify God and  
Make Disciples*

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Weekly Newsletter of Tabor City Baptist Church

## **BAPTIST MEN'S DAY**

Sunday, January 26, 2025

**Men's Breakfast—8:00am**

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**Worship Service—10:45am**

Baptist Men will be leading in worship. Men please meet in the choir room at 10:20am. Pastor Earl J. Spivey, Jr. will be bringing the message. Sam Rogers and the men's choir will be leading the music. Also, special music by Teddy Bullard.

## **Walking With Jesus Week 4**

Jesus begins His earthly ministry.

Monday, January 27:

Jesus returns to Galilee

Luke 4:14-15

Tuesday, January 28:

Jesus replaces John the Baptist

Mark 1:14-15

Wednesday, January 29:

He routinely attended worship

Luke 4:16

Thursday, January 30:

The Messiah has arrived

Luke 4:17-21

Friday, January 31:

Makes Capernaum His center point

Matthew 4:12-13, 17

## **FROM PASTOR EARL**

As you take a look at the Caller this week, I hope you will be encouraged by the expanding of the articles and information. With the help of others, I am trying to improve the Caller so you are not only informed but inspired. The devotional column will be printed twice monthly. It will be from various church members. The Member Spotlight column will also be in the Caller twice monthly. We will spotlight various people of all ages in our church family. The Prayer Focus column will be a weekly column. It will seek to inform us of those on our prayer list and help us know how to more accurately pray for them. You will discover the different Sunday School classes and other groups meeting as part of our church's ministry. There will be other articles about the happenings here at Tabor City Baptist from time to time as well.

I am proud to be a member of Tabor City Baptist Church. I hope you are proud as well. Together we can display to our community our sincerity and commitment to be Christ's representatives and workers. In doing so we can impact our worship community and our geographic community to hear the invitation of Christ's call and to join with us in following Him. I hope that the Caller will be an instrument that encourages us and all who receive it in experiencing peace and an excitement of being part of the Tabor City Baptist Church family.

Blessings  
Bro Earl

## DEVOTIONAL

### Elijah

Elijah was one of the most zealous and dedicated prophets of God. His name translates to “Jehovah is my God”. Born in the town of Tishba in Gilead, he served God all his days.

By the ninth century bc Israel, once powerful and united under David and Solomon, had been divided into a northern and southern kingdom and was ruled by tyrannical Kings who worshiped Baal and other pagan deities. It is into this division that Elijah emerges and begins his prophetic and powerful ministry.

Elijah appears to have been a much younger man than is usually depicted, possibly in the 30, 40, range, during his confrontations and interactions with Ahab. His dress was sparse, he moved throughout Judea, Syria, and Samaria and relied on God’s sustenance and care throughout his life. He was athletic and swift of foot, he was fearless and zealous, he was timid and self-centered at times, he was outlandish and insufferable, he could be ruthless in his service and dedication to God, he was kind and serving to the widow of Zidon, he was a healer and a restorer of life to the widow’s son, and in all his life, he was faithful and holy unto God.

Elijah was one of the very few humans depicted in the Bible that did not experience death, having been taken to heaven in what is described as a fiery chariot. He appeared with Moses and Jesus during the transfiguration and is mentioned in the Book of Revelation as one of two prophets to appear in Jerusalem during the tribulation. According to Revelation 11:4-12 he was killed by agents of the Anti-Christ only to rise from the dead after three and a half days and once again ascend into heaven.

The life of Elijah is a powerful story of complete surrender to the prompting of God. His story reminds us of the power of our God, of Elijah’s unquestionable loyalty and dedication to our Lord, often in the face of death and suffering, and of his place in the heart of the Father, our God, who placed him in the absolute forefront of his plan to confront paganism and the worship of pagan deities by the Jewish people of that time. His place in Jewish history and the power of his relationship with God cannot be overstated.

The story of Elijah can be found beginning in 1Kings:17.

Let us all draw strength from the life of Elijah and seek to follow his example of surrender and dedication to our God.

Mark Harris  
Deacon Chairman

## PRAYER FOCUS

### Week of 1.19.25

Pam Spivey took a fall recently and had to have shoulder surgery this past Tuesday, coming home from the hospital on Wednesday. She had a little trouble with the pain medicine at first but seems to be doing better with it as the week went on. She said Bill is taking really good care of her! Let’s all pray for Pam as she goes to therapy a couple of times a week for the following months to get this shoulder back to normal! We love you Pam!

## BAPTIST WOMEN

If you would like to help, we will be taking down Christmas decorations in the fellowship hall at 5:00pm, Tuesday, January 21. Please join us for a brief meal and time of fellowship.

A motion from the Finance Committee was presented to the church during a business meeting at the end of morning worship service on Jan. 19, 2025. This motion concerns a request from Pastor Earl Spivey, Discipleship Coordinator, to fund 3 areas of Discipleship and Ministry at TCBC. The first proposal was asking for \$1500 for the Discipleship Ministry of the church. These funds are currently available in the budget and ready for use. The second proposal asked for \$2500 to fund a new College and Careers Ministry of the church. This ministry would have a strong focus on TCBC making coordinated efforts to stay in contact and minister to college age students and early career graduates. The third proposal asked for \$2000 to fund meetings/meals with Prospective Members and their families. These meetings will allow for Pastor Earl to explain the membership process and answer questions while showing hospitality and sincerity in helping them.

The motion is to move \$4500 from the Mission Endowment funds invested at the NC Baptist Foundation to be used to fund these proposals as presented to the church. The Finance Committee has unanimously approved the funding of Proposal 2 & 3 using these funds. We need church approval to move the funds. A business meeting will be held on Feb. 2, 2025 to vote on this motion from the Finance Committee.

Dennis Jones  
Finance Committee Chair



Thank you to the members of our church for your care and concern for my brother, Sandy, during the past time of his sickness. The cards, the peace plant, and especially your love and prayers made his and our journey easier. Each thought and message expressed was received with gratefulness and appreciation. It was assurance of God's presence and love.

In Christ,  
Lucia Woody



This week I would like to introduce the first in our line of spotlights, Ms. Mary Bow. On January 16th she turned 97 years old! Her favorite food is a meal of fried red potatoes and yellow onions. Her favorite thing to do is to go to church. She misses not being able to attend every Sunday. She has been a member of Tabor City Baptist Church for 64 years. She worked for Dr. Simpson in Tabor City for over 30 years. Ms. Mary Bow loves people. She has a lot of personality. She has dedicated part of her life to giving back through Meals on Wheels. She participated in Meals on Wheels for about 5-6 years. Due to her help, the Tabor City Senior Citizens Center gave her a designated parking space. At one time, she was the Tabor City Woman of the Year, which is also attributed to her work serving others. She currently resides at Loris Rehab & Nursing Center and loves to see visitors.

Sarah Greene



## SUNDAY'S RECORD—January 19, 2025

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|-----------------------|----|
| Sunday School.....    | 61 |
| Worship Service ..... | 80 |
| Discipleship .....    | 10 |

## THOSE WHO SERVE— January 26, 2025

### Deacon Offering Collectors

Ronnie Graham, Judy Prince

### Deacons at Doors

Greg Greene, Emmett Lay

### Ushers

Bill Phipps, Elwood Johnson

### Worship Greeters

Theresa Johnson, Debbie James

### Sound Techs

Pete Rasmussen, Buddy Clontz

### Video Tech

Matthew Bullard

### Nursery Volunteers

Tomi Enzor, Debbie Rogers



The altar flowers for Sunday, January 26th, will be given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Terry Maxton Elliott's birthday (1-29-52) by Phyllis, Charles, Matthew and John Mark.



January 20—Jerry Jolly  
January 21—Winslow Phipps  
January 22—Chris Avery  
January 23—Ben Inman  
January 25—Doris Corbett  
                  Jeaneen Ray  
January 27—Karen Ray  
January 28—Clara Fowler  
                  Donald James  
January 29—Alex Jarman

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## Prayer List

Janice Watts  
Ellen Johnson  
Deidre Graham  
Maddox Cox (Jerry & Patsy Bullard's grandson)  
Pastor Earl Spivey  
Carol Williamson  
Craig McPherson  
Rev. Holland & Shelby Norris  
Melissa Bullard White  
David & Doris Corbett  
Morgan Pierce  
David Wilson  
Billy Fowler  
Laike Watts  
Van Greene  
Norma Hewett  
Kyle Gore  
Ruby Shelley  
Dan Bush  
Rebekah Hudson (Ellen Johnson's daughter)  
Doris Grainger

### Shut-ins

Joe Ray  
Willa Ree Fowler  
Clara Cartrette  
Catherine Garrell  
Mary Bow  
Carole Watts  
Joyce Tompkins  
Cynthia Inman  
Ann Lay



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### Church Staff

Rev. Chip Hannah—Interim Pastor  
Rev. Earl J. Spivey, Jr.—Discipleship  
Pam Harrelson—Pianist  
Coley Greene—Custodian

### Sunday Schedule

Sunday School—9:45am  
Sunday Morning Worship—10:45am  
Adult Discipleship—6:00pm

### Wednesday Schedule

Afterschool Activities—4:15-5:00pm  
Supper—5:00-5:45pm  
Children & Youth Studies—5:30-6:30pm  
Adult Prayer Meeting—6:00-6:40pm  
Adult Choir Rehearsal—6:45 pm

### LISTEN/WATCH LIVE SUNDAYS at 10:45am

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