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*Our Mission:  
Glorify God and  
Make Disciples*

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## **Baptist Men's Breakfast**

It wasn't the largest of crowds, but it had been an unusual week of weather. About 20 men gathered for breakfast and enjoyed the warmth of brotherly fellowship early Sunday morning. Greg Greene, the men's director, led a devotional time focused on the God of second chances. The men were challenged to step up, regardless of their past, and follow the calling God has placed upon their lives. After a short break Sunday School was held and the men quickly prepared to sing in the morning worship. Several men took part in the service and gave evidence of God's moving among us as we worshiped Him. Baptist Men's Day was a time to challenge men in particular to more actively live out their faith in Christ. It was a great day of being encouraged to serve Christ more faithfully and represent Christ more honorably. As Greg recovers from an ankle replacement, the men's monthly meetings will be postponed. All men are encouraged to stand together in living faithfully for Jesus Christ. EJS

I want to emphasize several things. First, this Sunday is Communion Sunday. During the morning service we will be observing the Lord's Supper. Guard against letting it become a Baptist ritual. It is much more than a church act. We usually observe it each quarter of the year. But remember what this routine act means to we who are devoted to Christ. We remember Christ's death and resurrection which give us forgiveness and eternal life. Communion is a mixture of the sorrow of Jesus' suffering and the joy of our being united with Christ. Prepare your hearts to worship solemnly and joyfully during communion.

I rejoice at the outpouring of God's Spirit upon us yesterday. I am working through the many commitment cards you completed. I pray I and others will be able to help each of you fulfill what God has impressed you to do. I am excited about what God is doing here at Tabor City Baptist. Let's welcome God's work through us and in us.

Third, I am seeking to prepare more teachers to lead discipleship groups. If you feel led to more actively follow the example and teachings of Christ, be sure to contact me. Many have through the commitment cards. May God do a work that brings many within the church and from outside the church to more devotedly follow Christ in our daily living.

Last, I am seeking several with writing skills to be reporters for articles in the Caller. If you are gifted and interested, contact me and I will share with you the details.

Blessings  
Bro Earl

## CROSSFIRE MINISTRIES

2024 has been a year of sharing our faith, preaching, and teaching, speaking and ministering to many boys, girls, men and women. These opportunities not only took place locally, but across 11 states and 3 countries. There were 15,030 children, teens and adults, who made public professions of faith in Jesus, 645 recommitments to Jesus and 393 commitments to be intentional about sharing their faith in Jesus Christ.

We can only praise God for your financial support and your prayer support because your participation in these important ways makes *Crossfire Ministries* possible. We are also grateful for the many volunteers who work alongside us in each endeavor such as camps, special events and in other various capacities. We say “thank you” to each of you and we praise God for His faithfulness through your commitments of service to Him.

On September 19, 2024, Randy Shepherd, my good friend, teammate and co-founder of *Crossfire* was called home to be with the Lord. What a challenging loss to the ministry, his family, his friends and to myself. However, we can all rejoice in knowing he is with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It will still take time to fully grieve his passing while moving forward. So your continued prayers are greatly appreciated. We both understood our calling to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ while using the platform of sports to connect with the world. There is much work left to do so you can be assured that the “*Crossfire Family*” will continue to plant seeds under God’s leadership.

*Crossfire Ministries* prays that 2025 will be a wonderful year for each of you and your loved ones. We pray that this year will be a time of great “harvesting” for the Kingdom of God everywhere the Gospel is proclaimed. And we pray that *Crossfire* will accomplish all that God desires *Crossfire* to do.

In His Hands and Service,  
Jamie Johnson

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 Disciplehip 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



### ***The Woman at the Well Project***

This is a year round mission project sponsored by our Baptist Women to raise money for Pure Water, Pure Love, which supplies missionaries with water filters to supply their families with clean water, provides clean water for people who are served by missionaries and supplies mission teams with water filters they can use for short-term mission trips. 100% goes to the ministry.

FEBRUARY 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Regular Wednesday Activities</b> Afterschool Activities 4:15-5:00 Supper 5:00-5:45 Children & Youth 5:30-6:30 Prayer & Bible Study 6:00-6:45 Choir Rehearsal 6:45						1
2 <b>Communion</b> Prayer 9:15 Bible study 9:45 Worship 10:45 Discipleship 6:00	3	4	5 <b>Regular Wednesday activities</b>	6	7	8
9 Prayer 9:15 Bible study 9:45 Worship 10:45 Discipleship 6:00	10	11	12 <b>Regular Wednesday activities</b>	13	14	15
16 <b>Deacon's Mtg. 8:00</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>Baptist Women's Sunday</b> Discipleship 6:00	17 <u>Presidents' Day</u> <u>Finance Mtg. 6:00</u>	18	19 <b>Regular Wednesday activities</b>	20	21	22
23 Prayer 9:15 Bible study 9:45 Worship 10:45 Discipleship 6:00	24	25	26 <b>Regular Wednesday activities</b>	27	28	

## PRAYER FOCUS

### Week of 1/26/25

It's been a long journey for Suzette Leonard, beginning with having trouble swallowing in June, being diagnosed with cancer in October and then having treatment—which has rendered her cancer free, thank the Lord! But as sometimes happens, the treatment has left her with a burnt throat, some other problems and having to be on a liquid diet. Let's all pray for Suzette as she deals with these “side bar” issues and especially that she can start on a regular diet soon. Hang in there, Suzette! We love you!

## Walking With Jesus

### Week 5

Now we see Jesus gathering His disciples.

Monday, February 3:

Jesus calls Philip John 1:43-45

Tuesday, February 4:

Nathanael is invited John 1:49-51

Wednesday, February 5:

Peter and Andrew Mark 1:16-18

Thursday, February 6:

James and John Mark 1:19-20

Friday, February 7:

Jesus returns to Capernaum Mark 1:21-22

## SUNDAY'S RECORD—January 26, 2025

Sunday School.....	47
Worship Service .....	72
Online Viewing .....	45
Discipleship .....	10

## THOSE WHO SERVE— February 2, 2025

### Deacon Offering Collectors

Greg Greene, Pete Rasmussen

### Deacons at Doors

Judy Prince, Pete Rasmussen

### Ushers

Tony Leggette, Wallace Clontz

### Worship Greeters

Bill & Ann Phipps

### Sound Techs

Pete Rasmussen, Keith Darrow

### Video Tech

Matthew Bullard

### Nursery Volunteers

Sharon Harris, Debbie Rogers



## Prayer List

Ricky Williams  
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



Altar  
Flowers

The altar flowers for Sunday, February 2, will be given in memory of David Dameron by Sheryl, Morgan and Michael Dameron.



January 28—Clara Fowler  
Donald James

January 29—Alex Jarman  
February 5—Joyce Tompkins  
February 10—Amanda Watts  
February 12—Mary Coleman  
February 13—Linda Carter  
February 15—Drake Richardson

### Online Giving



You can give online by scanning the QR code or going to our website [tcbaptist.net](http://tcbaptist.net).

### Church Office Information

Hours:

Monday 8:30am-3:00pm  
(Closed for lunch 12pm-1pm)  
Tuesday-Wednesday—9am-12pm  
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Chip's Cell: (910) 640-7237  
Earl's Cell: (843)877-5722

### 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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