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Glorify God and  
Make Disciples*

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Weekly Newsletter of Tabor City Baptist Church

Perhaps you, like myself, have sought God's help in the struggle of life. As you experience His helping hand you rejoiced that your Shepherd took notice of your need and answered your prayer. Should we not give our God public praise and thanks for His help to us? David felt so and encourages us to do so as well.

*"How long, O Lord, will you look on? Rescue me from their destruction,  
my precious life from the lions! I will thank you in the great congregation;  
in the mighty throng I will praise you."* Psalm 35:17-18

*"From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear him."* Psalm 22:25

I remember when from time to time the worship leader would pause and say, "Does anyone have a testimony of what God has done in your life?" Usually several would publicly thank God and give Him praise for His touch upon their life. I think that is important for us and for those who hear our praise.

Therefore, I want to add to the Caller a place for you to give God praise and thanks just like David. Let us encourage others and "fulfill our vows" by expressing our thanks to God publicly and drawing attention to His acts of love and compassion. All you need to do is give a hand written paragraph of what God has done and your words of thanks and praise. You can also text me at 843-877-5722 or email me at [Earljspiveyjr@aol.com](mailto:Earljspiveyjr@aol.com). Join me in giving praise to our Healer, Deliverer, Helper and loving Father. Blessings

Bro Earl

## Walking With Jesus

### **Week 8**

Jesus travels to Samaria.

Monday, February 24:

The woman at the well  
John 4:4-8

Tuesday, February 25:

Faced with resentment  
John 4:9-14

Wednesday, February 26:

From resentment to sarcasm  
John 4:15-17

Thursday, February 27:

Slowly the truth appears  
John 4:19, 24-26

Friday, February 28:

A new birth occurs  
John 4:39-42

## **Week-day**

### **Discipleship Group**

On Wednesday, February 19, a discipleship group will begin meeting at 10 in the morning. We will meet in the Adult 3 classroom, on the floor level of the educational building. It will not require homework and will be open to others joining at any time. We will start with a basic introduction to discipleship and then do an extensive survey of the Bible. Materials will be provided. For more information contact Bro. Earl.

## PRAYER FOCUS

Week of 2/17/25



**YNG Dreamerz**



**Jones Lay**

Center

*Jones Lay*

Praying for others should not always be during difficult times. We need to lift up each other in pleasant and joyful times as well. The youngest member of our College and Careers group is Jones Lay. Last year, Jones made the decision to reclassify from a 2025 graduate to a 2026 graduate and begin a new journey in September. He moved away from home to enroll in a Prep school specifically designed for basketball training. As a member of a highly competitive High school League, Jones has been exposed to some of the best competition and coaching. Jones endeavors to continue his basketball career into College and beyond.

As the season began, Jones experienced a broken bone in his foot, that withheld him from playing for 10 weeks. But, he is healing and as of last week, has completely returned to practice and games.

Please, continue to pray for his journey to gain strength and become physically fit in order to return to the court. Also, pray for his mental and spiritual health; praying that God would use him where he is. That Jones would grow in his faith and help others to grow as well.

## DEACONS meeting

### Deacons Meeting

Sunday, February 23rd

8:00am

Media Center



## Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

### Support a Seminary Student

On March 9<sup>th</sup> we will be joining with other churches in our association to give students at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, one of our Southern Baptist seminaries, an opportunity to preach. Many students do not have a church and spend much time studying in anticipation of a future call to become a pastor. Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> is a day for churches to give seminary students the experience and encouragement in speaking to a church. More information will be forthcoming but for now be in prayer for God to encourage His chosen servant through us. Also be praying for God to speak to us as the student chosen for us gets some much needed practical experience in preaching the gospel.

## Praise the Lord!

Let me be the first to start this new column giving praise to God. Yes, I have been through a lot and I hesitate to draw attention to my life as you all know my medical struggles. But I too need to give God praise for His continuing touch upon my life. Most recently I have struggled with some less obvious issues. Over several months the annoyances and frustrations continued in the background. As further testing was ordered my prayer was that God would reveal the causes of these symptoms and grant the doctors wisdom for treating them. The new lab work turned up two viruses and a bacterial infection. I have now started a round of high power antibiotics which are already showing signs of relieving the symptoms. I praise God for his response to the things we often see as too small to pray about. I give God the glory for the relief He is giving me even after taking me through so much. I praise Him for the renewed strength to be involved with Tabor City Baptist Church again and to enjoy doing outside work, with limitations. I hope many of you will share your words of praise and thanks that we may glorify God together. Bro. Earl

## Springtime at TCBC

The temperature lets us know that springtime is still not here. But churches experience springtime when good things start to happen. Have you noticed the good things happening at TCBC?

I've included the attendance for various areas in the Caller so we can celebrate what is taking place. Like this past Sunday, bad weather takes its toll on our attendance at times. Look at the attendance for Wednesday evening activities. Over 50 persons came out last week. 30 or more were involved in our children and youth ministries. 21 in the Wednesday night Bible study last week.

In Sunday School there have been almost 10 new members in the last two months. Yes, we have much work to do but I am hearing of people inviting others and new people gathering to join us in Bible study and fellowship each week. That is an indication of God moving among us, sounds like springtime to me.

I am greatly excited by the involvement in discipleship. We have an enrollment of 13 in the Sunday night group. The Wednesday morning group starts this week. Also, the Parental Disciple Makers study will begin in March. Only God can give people the hunger to study and follow Christ more closely.

I see an excitement in the Women's Ministry groups, the Men's Ministry, the choir, and lots of excitement in the preschool children's department. The Sunday morning prayer team gathers with a group of 7 or 8 to pray for the Sunday activities as well as the weekly activities too.

In just a few weeks about 6 persons will be joining our church. It is God gathering them, and us, together to worship and learn better how to follow Christ.

Day before yesterday I went into my little greenhouse where I keep my citrus plants. Earlier this year the heat failed and they all looked as if they were dead. But Saturday I finally noticed little sprouts that indicate life in the badly damaged plants. Spring is on the way. Here at Tabor City Baptist God is bringing new life to Christ body. Lets rejoice in the signs of a spiritual springtime and give ourselves to Christ in encouraging the expansion of new growth.  
Bro Earl



Bailey Ray Prince has transferred her membership to Cerro Gordo Baptist Church.



## SUNDAY'S RECORD—February 16, 2025

Sunday School.....	54
Worship Service .....	76
Online Viewing .....	Internet Down
Discipleship .....	9
Wednesday Activities	
Children .....	21
Youth .....	9
Adults .....	21

## THOSE WHO SERVE— February 23, 2025

### Deacon Offering Collectors

Greg Greene, Pete Rasmussen

### Deacons at Doors

Emmett Lay

### Ushers

Coley Greene

### Worship Greeter

Tony Leggette, Jeanette Fowler

### Sound Techs

Pete Rasmussen, Buddy Clontz

### Video Tech

Matthew Bullard

### Nursery Volunteers

Hailey Gerald, Debbie Rogers



## Prayer List

Carolyn Johnson  
 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



*Altar  
Flowers*

The altar flowers for Sunday, February 23, will be given in memory of Brandon Herring by Joyce, Heidi, Alex, Lacy Deacon, Lennon Rose, Arron, Matthew & Jordyn.



February 19—Ireland Lewis  
 Savannah Elliott  
 February 28—Nelson Lee  
 March 1—Saylor Strickland  
 March 2—Shirley Burroughs  
 Maggie Richardson  
 March 4—Karter Harrelson  
 Shawn Elliott

## Shut-ins

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



## Church Office Information

### Hours:

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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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