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*Our Mission:  
Glorify God and  
Make Disciples*

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Weekly Newsletter of Tabor City Baptist Church

This Sunday will be a special day for us. We will begin with the baptism of two individuals. They are being baptized in preparation for becoming members of Tabor City Baptist. Baptism is one of the Baptist church's two ordinances. The other being Communion. Pat Kirsch and Kathy Price have been Christians for many years. They now come to experience Believers Baptism by immersion which publicly declares their death to the old life without Christ and their birth into the new life under the lordship of Christ.

Our speaker this Sunday is a student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. This is one of the Southern Baptist Convention's funded Seminaries. As he comes, let us encourage him with our attention, kind words and generous love offering. I hope you will be here to encourage this pastor in training.

At the conclusion of our worship time, we will have a brief called business meeting to officially accept seven people into our church family. I have been working with them according to the process given in our By-laws. They have evidenced a trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior as well as the other requirements for membership. I look forward to introducing them to you and our vote to receive them into our church membership.

It will be a busy day but a joyful day of worship. I hope to see you this Sunday morning.

Blessings  
Bro Earl

## **Discipleship Is not just for Sunday**

Our Wednesday discipleship group has begun with five persons enrolled. We meet at 10 in the morning in the Adult 3 classroom, on the ground floor level of the educational building. You are not required to do homework and others are encouraged to join 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.

## **Walking With Jesus Week 10**

After a time of R & R for the disciples, Jesus calls them to leave their old lives.

Monday, March 10:

Jesus gives a challenge to Peter  
Luke 5:4-6

Tuesday, March 11:

Hesitant disciples finally surrender  
Luke 5:8-11

Wednesday, March 12:

Jesus resumes His traveling  
Luke 5:12-13

Thursday, March 13:

A paralyzed man is brought to Jesus  
Luke 5:17-20, 25

Friday, March 14:

Jesus calls Matthew, or Levi  
Luke 5:27-29

## Upcoming Opportunities for Ladies from the Columbus Baptist Association

### Spring Missions Study

Saturday, March 8, 2025

10:00am-11:30am

Columbus Baptist Association

Emphasis: North American Missions and the  
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering



### 2025 Ladies Spring Retreat

Saturday, March 15, 2025

9:00am-1:00pm

Camp Anchorage, Lake Waccamaw

Speaker: Mrs. Barbara Hill, President of the  
WMU-NC Executive Board

Cost per Person: \$35 (includes lunch)

### 2025 WMU Annual Meeting

Thursday, April 10, 2025 @ 6:00pm

Western Prong Baptist Church

Keynote Speaker: Ms. Joy Brown



## Membership Transfers

Donovan & Kelly  
Watts have transferred  
their membership to  
Iron Hill Baptist  
Church.

## Spring Forward This Weekend

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one  
hour before going to bed Saturday night.



## Spring Forward

Set Your Clocks Ahead One Hour

## Baptist Women's Group

### Upcoming Baptist Women's Meetings:

Tuesday, March 18th @6:00

"Lot's Wife: Looking Back"

Tuesday, April 15th @6:00

"Delilah: Betrayal of the *Dainty One*"



Sunday, May 4th @12:30

4th Annual Mother's Day  
Luncheon

Once again, this will be an  
exciting time to celebrate  
together with your sisters in

Christ with a beautiful lunch, fellowship and  
be blessed with an inspiring presentation!

## Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer/Easter Offering March 2-9, 2025



## PRAYER FOCUS

**Week of 3/03/25**

This week I want our focus to be on two church members. First is Mrs. Caroline Pierce. Mrs. Caroline joined Tabor City Baptist a few years ago. She and her sister, Mrs. Linda Carter, live together and enjoy their sibling connection. Monday Mrs. Caroline's day began as usual but quickly unraveled. At breakfast she felt pain in her chest and had trouble breathing. She was quickly taken to the hospital and moved to Wilmington. She was having a heart attack. The doctors were able to use the balloon to open the blockage but kept her for further tests and observation. They later used the balloon to open another restriction and released her to return home Friday. Pray for God's help in renewing her strength and adjusting to new routines for preventing any more heart attacks.

Second is Jones Lay. After recovering from a bad ankle accident he returned to playing basketball. He noticed swelling in his ankle and pain hindering his full use of his ankle. Last week he was taken to doctors in Atlanta for more detailed examination and diagnosis. Jones is much concerned about his future potential for competing in sports. Emmett and Meredith are much concerned as well. Let's pray for them and for the doctors as they evaluate the condition and propose a plan. Pray for God's peace to be with Jones as the future hopes and dreams are now uncertain.

## Putting the Word of God into Hungry Hands All Over the World

This is where our used Sunday School material goes.

Love Packages collects bible donations—as well as donations of Christian books, Sunday School materials, and more—from people and publishers across the U.S. and ship it to our network of distributors all over the world.



First shipment of 2025! This load is headed to the Philippines! We have decided to set a goal of 111 containers. Join with us this year as together, by God's strong hand, we will send more literature than ever before!



This is a rural setting in Zimbabwe. The Pastor has been ministering here for six months. None of them had Bibles. Now each and every one has a Bible. Now they are able to read and study for themselves.



## SUNDAY'S RECORD—March 2, 2025

Sunday School.....	54
Worship Service .....	88
Online Viewing .....	67
Discipleship .....	16
Wednesday Activities	
Children.....	18
Youth.....	9
Adults.....	17

## THOSE WHO SERVE— March 9, 2025



### Deacon Offering Collectors

Sam Rogers, Emmett Lay

### Deacons at Doors

Sam Rogers, Earl J. Spivey, Jr.

### Ushers

Jerry Jolly, Ronnie Graham

### Worship Greeters

Mark Harris, Ronnie Graham

### Sound Techs

Pete Rasmussen, Buddy Clontz

### Video Tech

Matthew Bullard

### Nursery Volunteers

Lauren Richardtson, Debbie Rogers



*Altar  
Flowers*

The altar flowers for Sunday, March 9, will be given in loving memory of Fred E. Lay, Jr. by John, Marlette, Oliva & Sara.



March 4—Karter Harrelson  
Shawn Elliott  
March 5—Dale Ward  
March 6—Mickey Greene  
March 7—Faye Grainger  
Deb Coleman

## Prayer List

Ned Hughes  
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



## 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:

Monday 8:30am-3:00pm  
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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

1370 AM *or*  
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