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(Nobody Ever Tells Me Anything)



January 2022

## VISION MONTH VISION MONTH VISION MONTH

When it comes to the purpose of the church, some congregations have weak vision. The worst part of all is that they don't even realize it. Though the Lord has given His church a clear purpose and mission, many churches lose sight of it. God's people need regular reminders concerning why they exist. For this reason, we will host a second annual Vision Month in January 2022. Here are some things you can expect:

**Sunday Morning Sermon Series.** Throughout the month of January, the Sunday morning messages will encourage us to stay focused on our mission and vision. We like to say, "Tabernacle Baptist exists to connect people to their ultimate purpose in life in Jesus Christ." Pastor Patrick will preach from Matthew's gospel to encourage us to stay focused on that mission.

**Vision Night and Quarterly Business Meeting.** On Sunday evening, January 23, we will have a quarterly business meeting at 5:00 pm. In this meeting, you will hear updates from our church committees and ministry teams. In addition, we will receive an exciting report concerning potential building renovations.

**New Discipleship Opportunities.** To fulfill our stated purpose, we try to follow four priorities — worship, fellowship, discipleship, and ministry. These priorities are outlined in Acts 2:42-47. The early church was diligent concerning each. On Sunday, January 30, at 5:00 pm, we will host an evening gathering in the Fellowship Hall. The event will be a time of fellowship. Yes, food will be provided. More importantly, we will unveil several discipleship classes that will be offered throughout the Winter/Spring of 2022, beginning on February 6. Adults can choose from multiple topics. Preschool, Students & Kids Ministries will offer discipleship opportunities in their areas. Make plans to be a part of vision month!



Did you know nothing will outlast the soul of your child or grandchild? Knowing this, we want to help parents and grandparents teach the Word of God in their homes. Join us on Wednesday, January 19, 6pm in the Fellowship Hall as Dr. Brent Baskin from Shorter University shares how we can make disciples in our homes! An optional meal for purchase begins at 5pm. Please register at [tabernaclebaptist.org/losing-as-parents](https://tabernaclebaptist.org/losing-as-parents). There is a free parenting resource if you register! This event is for any parent or grandparent, no matter the age of the child.



Our Men's Ministry is hosting a Steak-Out on Thursday, February 10th @ 6:30 pm in Tabernacle's Fellowship Hall. The University of Oklahoma Executive Associate Athletic Director, Kenny Mossman, will be our guest speaker. Come hear his story, enjoy a steak dinner, and some great fellowship. Men, bring your son's and invite others. You can register for this event at [tabernaclebaptist.org/steak-out](https://tabernaclebaptist.org/steak-out). Cost is \$15.

## From our Pastor: Made with a Purpose

Do you know what a widget is? I remember the first time I heard someone use the word. Confused, I thought, "What is that?" It turns out my ignorance was understandable. The American Heritage Dictionary defines the term as referring to "an unnamed or hypothetical manufactured article." The word "widget" originally spoke of something that was not real.

Nowadays, a widget is a small application on a computer or smartphone that performs a certain function. There are calendar widgets, weather widgets, music widgets, news widgets, and many more.



When it comes to the church, many regard it as the first type of widget. They aren't aware of why the church exists. Others see the church as useful. They regard it in a way that can be likened to the second type of widget. They understand its purpose and mission. Like a widget on a smartphone, they are aware that the church exists to fulfill certain functions. As a result, they see it as being beneficial.

How can we cultivate a perspective that places the church in high esteem? Is there any scriptural truth that can lead us away from regarding the church as a useless widget? What beliefs can cultivate a mindset that sees the church as a useful widget that fulfills important functions? As we enter into Vision Month at Tabernacle Baptist, I would like to share four scriptural ideas that underscore the place and prominence of the church in God's plan for humanity.

**The Created Order** At the beginning of time, God created man and woman for a relationship with Himself. He said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness" (Genesis 1:26). What does it mean to be made in the "image" of God? Plain and simple, it means humanity is made to relate to God and reflect His glory to others. The church is a community of believers designed to help people fully experience and fulfill humanity's purpose as God's image-bearers (Matthew 5:13-16).

**The Mission of the Church** When Jesus launched the church, He said, "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). According to our Lord, His people are designed to shine His glory and share His gospel with all the world.

**The Work of the Early Church** When the early church took action on Jesus' instructions, they engaged in several key activities that helped them fulfill the purpose of the church. They regularly worshipped, studied God's Word, engaged in fellowship with other believers, and reached out to unbelievers to share the good news of Jesus (Acts 2:42-47). The earliest disciples were well aware that the church has an immense purpose!

**The Eternal State** When we all get to heaven, there will be no doubt that the church had an important place in human history. With our own eyes, we will see people "from every nation, tribe, people, and language" worshipping and serving the Lord (Revelation 7:9). Then all will know that God's people were indeed created for a purpose — to know Him and to make Him known!

## Sanctity of Life Sunday:

Sanctity of Life Sunday is January 16, 2022. Sanctity of Life Sunday is observed each year on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of Roe v. Wade when abortion was legalized in all 50 states. On January 13, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating January 22 as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day. On January 16, 2022, we will celebrate God's gift of life and take time to recognize the Biblical and crucial work of Bartow Family Resources in our community in our morning services.



## Lord's Supper:

We will observe the Lord's Supper in both am services on Sunday, February 6, 2022. This is always a special time of worship and all followers of Jesus are invited to participate.



“Conversations: A Simple Approach to Sharing the Gospel”, will be offered on Wednesday, January 26, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Tabernacle Fellowship Hall. A complimentary Chick-Fil-A box meal will be served with reservation. Through this course you will discover the simplicity of the Gospel and learn practical ways to share your faith with confidence. The course facilitator is Garylee Pruitt. Please register for this free event at [tabernaclebaptist.org/evangelism-training](http://tabernaclebaptist.org/evangelism-training).

### Wednesday Nights Resume:

Wednesday night activities resume February 2. Ministry activities are available for all ages. Note: The prayer meeting will now be held at 6pm.

### New Member Interest Luncheon:

Are you new to Tabernacle? Whether you have already joined or considering joining, we invite you to our New Member Interest Lunch on Sunday, March 6 at noon in our fellowship hall. This event serves as an opportunity for you to know more about Tabernacle and to meet the staff. Registration will open in February.

### Foundations:

A Foundations Class for kids & their parents will be held on Sunday, February 20, 2:00 - 4:30 pm. This class is for children that have accepted Christ as Savior. Tools and suggestions will be given to parents as to how to disciple your child through this exciting time. Pre-registration is required. A parent must attend with each child. Sibling childcare available. Register online at [tabernaclebaptist.org/foundations](http://tabernaclebaptist.org/foundations).



### MERGE WKND:

Merge Weekend is February 25-27! The theme this year is Truth. Our speaker is Chris Trent. To register, please go to [tbcstudents.org/merge](http://tbcstudents.org/merge). Cost is \$50.



### College Retreat:

The College Retreat will be taking place on January 28-30! It is a trip to help teach our college students how be effective small group leaders and help utilize the gifts God has given them. Anyone is welcome to come, hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please email [hdavidson@tabernaclebaptist.org](mailto:hdavidson@tabernaclebaptist.org).



### Classic Adult Luncheons:

Monday, January 17, and Monday, February 21, at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a side dish or dessert.



### Savoy Auto Museum Trip:

Meet at Savoy at 10:00 am. To reserve your spot for the group discount, sign up at the CA kiosk and drop payment (\$13 per person) in the box behind the kiosk. Bring money for lunch at the museum café.

### Warm Springs, GA Trip:

We will have lunch at The Bulloch House, cost \$15-\$20 per person for the buffet. Then visit The Little White House. Cost of admission is \$9 per person. There will be a sign-up sheet at the CA kiosk later in January. Bus will leave the church parking lot at 9:00 am returning around 5:00 - 6:00 pm.

### Classic Adult Fitness by Jackie:

MAKE THAT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION. Jackie Forbes is a Certified Senior Adult Trainer and will lead a co-ed fitness class on Saturday, Jan. 15, 10:00 - 11:00 am in the Student Worship Center (A200). Sign up at the CA kiosk.

## Job Openings:

**Ministry Assistant:** We are seeking a full-time Ministry Assistant for Family, Discipleship, and Student Ministries. Please email résumés to Benjy Linder at [blinder@tabernaclebaptist.org](mailto:blinder@tabernaclebaptist.org).

**Campus Maintenance & Housekeeping Manager:** This is a full-time position and is responsible for the maintenance and upgrading of the facilities and campus property. If you are interested or know of a good candidate, send the information for consideration to Phil Brown at [pbrown@tabernaclebaptist.org](mailto:pbrown@tabernaclebaptist.org).

**Weekday Preschool Administrative Assistant:** Monday-Friday, 7:30- 12:45. Applicants should be knowledgeable in Microsoft Word/ Excel with good communication and organizational skills. We offer a competitive salary and tuition discount. Please contact Rose Mayo at 770.382.1977 or email [rmayo@tabernaclebaptist.org](mailto:rmayo@tabernaclebaptist.org).

### How can I give?

- **At Tabernacle:** Drop in buckets as you enter or exit. Church office is open M-Th: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, F: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, or use drop box at the drive-through entrance on Tennessee Street.
- **By Mail:** 112 E. Church Street, Cartersville, GA 30120.
- **Online:** [tabernaclebaptist.org/give](http://tabernaclebaptist.org/give) or text any \$ amount to 770-285-0511

### December Giving From God's Hands

	December 5	December 12	December 19	December 26	YTD 2021
Tithes & Offerings	\$99,102.44	\$53,424.00	\$50,576.65	\$46,824.17	\$3,008,873.84
Budget Requirements	\$51,882.89	\$51,393.42	\$51,393.42	\$51,393.42	\$2,694,483.77
(Under)/Over Budget	\$47,219.55	\$2,030.58	-\$816.77	-\$4,569.25	\$314,390.07



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