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(Nobody Ever Tells Me Anything)



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From our Pastor May is for Scripture Memory

As we venture into the summer months, allow me to encourage you in one of the most important spiritual disciplines. In Psalm 119:11, the Bible says, "I have treasured your word in my heart so that I may not sin against you." The Psalmist had a devotion to Scripture memory. He intentionally remembered God's Word so that he might receive spiritual strength from it.



Many modern believers assume that Scripture memory is an impossible task. They silently conclude that they aren't good at remembering things. In addition, many of our modern conveniences have diminished the importance of remembering things. One has commented, "According to a survey conducted in 2007 by a neuropsychologist at Trinity College Dublin, fully a third of Brits under the age of thirty can't remember even their own home land line number without pulling it up on their handsets. The same survey found that 30 percent of adults can't remember the birthdays of more than three immediate family members. Our gadgets have eliminated the need to remember such things anymore."¹

Despite our modern aversion to memorization, the Psalmist extolled the value of Scripture memory. He used a purpose statement, saying, "...so that I may not sin against you." According to the Psalmist, Scripture memory is beneficial because it has a way of protecting against sin. Because Christians live life on fallen Earth, we face constant pressures and promptings to evil from the world, the flesh, and the devil. Their primary offensive weapon against such things is God's Word (Ephesians 6:17).

We can wield the sword of God's Word in a number of ways. One of them involves Scripture memory. Though many think the practice is hard to do, let me share four means I have sometimes used for storing God's Word in my heart and mind. Perhaps if you try one of these practices, you might get better at memorizing Scripture this May.

Writing — At one point, I used a journal for Scripture memory. Each week, I selected a verse for memory. During my morning devotional time, I would write the verse out five times in my journal. By day four or so, I seemed to have the verse mostly memorized. The act of writing and seeing the words of Scripture on paper did a lot to drive the verse down into my brain.

Praying — Not long ago, I committed to memorizing the entirety of Psalm 51, but I altered the method I used. Instead of writing the words of the Psalm, I prayed them. During my daily prayer time, I sincerely recited the words from my heart to the Lord. After a couple of weeks, I began to gain a good grasp of the first few verses of the Psalm. Over a span of months, I had memorized the entire passage.

¹ Foer, Joshua. Moonwalking with Einstein: The Art and Science of Remembering Everything. (Penguin Group, 2011), 138.

Reading — When I was in college, I met an older man who had a remarkable ability to recite Scripture. I inquired about the secret to his strong memory. He said he had once heard that the human brain can remember anything after one reads it ninety times. I'm not sure that what he shared was absolutely correct; however, I do think he made a valid point to a degree. Continued exposure to something through reading will make one more likely to remember it. I say all of this to say reading your Bible will do a lot to help you with Scripture memory. If you have the practice of reading the Bible on a systematic basis, certain passages of Scripture will naturally stick in your head.

Smart Phone Apps — Modern technology is a curse in some regards, but it is a blessing in others. One good thing is the way the internet, computers, and smart devices provide us with more tools for studying and applying Scripture. Bible memory has also benefited from modern technology. There are a host of smart phone apps that can help you memorize God's Word. I recommend one called "Fighter Verses." With the app, you can make a list of verses to memorize, you can track your progress, and you can even make the lock screen or home screen of your phone display your memory verse for the week.

May						
1 Worship/LifeGroups (9:15 am, 10:45 am) Last Discipleship (5:00 pm)	2	3 Bread of Life (12:45 pm) National Day of Prayer Stations (4:00 pm) Celebrate Recovery (6:30pm)	4 Men's Morning Prayer (6:45 am) National Day of Prayer Stations (4:00 pm) FamBlitz (6:00 pm)	5 National Day of Prayer (6:00 pm)	6	7 Ladies' Brunch (10:00 am)
8 Worship/LifeGroups (9:15 am, 10:45 am) Parent/Child Dedication Mother's Day	9	10 Bread of Life (12:45 pm) Celebrate Recovery (6:30 pm)	11 Men's Morning Prayer (6:45 am)	12 Classic Adults Trip to Rome Braves (5:00 pm)	13	14
15 Grad Day Worship/LifeGroups (9:15 am, 10:45 am) Believe - Spring Night of Worship (5:00 pm)	16 Classic Adult Luncheon (11:30 am)	17 Bread of Life (12:45 pm) Celebrate Recovery (6:30 pm)	18 Men's Morning Prayer (6:45 am) KidVenture Leader Training (6:00 pm)	19	20	21 Classic Adult Fitness with Jackie (10:00 am)
22 Worship/LifeGroups (9:15 am, 10:45 am) New Member Interest Lunch (12:00 pm) Vision Night (5:00 pm)	23	24 Bread of Life (12:45 pm) Celebrate Recovery Cookout and Night of Worship (6:30 pm)	25 Men's Morning Prayer (6:45 am)	26	27	28
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FamBlitz

FamBlitz Live is a fast-paced, high-energy, family-oriented event sponsored by Tabernacle Family Ministry. Kids and adults of all ages will enjoy the music, visual effects, and game participation as families work together competing in high-energy games and exciting challenges! A Biblical message/illustration will be woven into every activity! Join us in the Worship Center on Wednesday, May 4 at 6:00 pm. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this FREE event!

Believe - Spring Night of Worship

BELIEVE is a worship event celebrating the core beliefs of our faith. The Body of Christ will unite in powerful praise of the One who has redeemed us for His own!

We will take a stand for the Lord and be reminded of the power in the name of Jesus. We will celebrate His presence, His Word, His promises, His love, His Church, His Heaven, and His sure return!

The Tabernacle Worship Choir, Orchestra, Students, and Young Adults will lead the congregation as we seek to encourage and inspire all of us to grow closer to Jesus.

The Lord is at work at Tabernacle, and He is placing some big challenges before us a church. We need to be reminded that He is God, and we are to love and trust Him in all things.

Please join us for **BELIEVE at 5:00 pm on Sunday, May 15** for a time of worship that we pray will impact the way we see how the Lord works in our lives. We want our church family to walk away encouraged and proclaiming... "I trust God and I believe that He is at work in my life!" WE BELIEVE!

KidVenture

KidVenture is Tabernacle's NEW and EXCITING way to do VBS outside the walls of the church! We want to go OUT into the community to CONNECT KIDS TO CHRIST! KidVenture camps will occur across Bartow County on the same week, June 6 – 9! We will host KidVenture camps at Dellinger Park, Hamilton Crossing Park, and Joe Cowan Park. At the same time, we will have KidVentures in neighborhoods all around our area, too!

At each site, we will have exciting music, games, Bible activities, and SO MUCH FUN! But we need YOU to help us reach these kids and families. We are expecting a LOT of kids to come! Please sign up to serve at one of the sites. We need you! Morning and evening options are available. Sign up to volunteer for KidVenture TODAY by going to tabernaclebaptist.org/kidventure-volunteer.

The purpose of KidVenture is to CONNECT KIDS TO CHRIST! Do you know anyone that could attend? Registration for kids to participate can be found at tbckidventure.org. Sign up TODAY!

Parent/Child Dedication

Parent/Child Dedication is an opportunity for parents to make a commitment before the church to guide their children to faith in Christ.

May 8, Mother's Day, is our next service. Parents will meet for a brunch/class at 9:30 am and dedication will be in the 10:45 am service.

Kid's Preteen Camp

It's not too late to register for Kid's Preteen Camp! Kids (and their friends) that have completed 3rd-5th grades will have the opportunity to go to Woodlands Christian Camp for 3 nights and 4 days, July 18-21. Camp will include worship with a live band, Bible study, plus fun activities such as canoing, archery, water games, rock wall, plus more!

This year's theme is "Make Waves." Kids will study John 7:38, "Whoever believes in me ... rivers of living water will flow from within them." Bible studies will include "God, the Wave Maker," "Peter Catches a Wave," Jesus, the LifeSaver," "Make a Splash by Loving Others," and "The Ripple Effect – The Fruit of the Spirit." Sign up your child or grandchild (and their friends) today! See Rebecca Willoughby for details (rwilloughby@tabernaclebaptist.org).

Student Summer Camp

We will be heading to Lee University May 30 - June 3, 2022 for Generate Camp. At Generate Camp it's all about unity. Our students will be grouped together in villages (small groups) and will spend their days together in Bible study and in dynamic recreation/group-building activities. Cost \$330. There is special pricing for students planning to attend both Mission Trip and Summer Camp. For more information please visit generatestudents.com/connect-option/.

Utah Mission Trip

June 24 - July 2, for completed 8th grade through College, cost is \$800. We will be serving several of our partner churches in Cache Valley, helping with their VBS, Youth camp, and other outreach opportunities. Space is limited! We are asking other local churches to partner with us on this event, so sign up at tabernaclebaptist.org/utah.

College Cookout

The College Ministry will be holding a cookout on June 4th to welcome new members to the ministry area. This will be an event full of fellowship between current members and those graduating from the student ministry. If you would like more information, please contact Hayden Davidson (hdavidson@tabernaclebaptist.org).

College Summer Nights

The College Ministry will hold a series of Nights of Worship throughout the summer that will focus heavily on leading and discipleship. We will go through five nights of worship and each night we will break off into small groups to discuss ideas like leading on your campus or being a disciple that makes disciples! If you would like to receive any more information, please contact Hayden Davidson (hdavidson@tabernaclebaptist.org).

Rome Braves

In May Classic Adults are headed to see the Rome Braves on May 12. Bus will leave at 5:00 pm from the church parking lot. Cost is \$13 per person.

Luncheon

We will have our monthly Luncheon on May 16 with Mabel and Ethel as the guest speakers. Please bring a side dish and a friend.

Fitness with Jackie

Join us for Fitness with Jackie, May 21, and June 4 and 18. We meet in A200 10:00 - 11:00 am. The May 7 Fitness with Jackie has been canceled due to the Ladies' Brunch. If you have 1-3 lb hand weights please bring them.

Picnic

Classic Adult annual picnic will be on June 16, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. The picnic will be at Cooper's Furnace park. Please bring a side dish and a friend. There will be a sign up sheet at the Classic Adult kiosk.

Branson, MO Trip

Only a few spots left! September 12-17 we will be heading to Branson, MO. Please sign-up at the Classic Adults Kiosk and pick up a flyer to answer all your questions. A COVID-19 waiver form and deposit of \$75 per person is required to sign up. Please make check payable to Tabernacle Baptist Church. Use the drop box located behind the Classic Adult Kiosk. Final Payment is due June 30; \$522 double occupancy and \$701 single occupancy per person.

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 8 is Mother's Day at Tabernacle! In honor of all our mothers, we chose to give \$1,000 to the Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter, a local nonprofit that is making a difference in our community. We wish our mothers a Happy Mother's Day!

New Member Interest Lunch

Are you new to Tabernacle? Have you recently joined Tabernacle? Do you have questions about Tabernacle? If so, we have the perfect event for you! Join us on Sunday, May 22, 12:00 pm in room E-122 (Fellowship Hall) to meet our staff and learn more about our Purpose, Priorities, Passions, and Plan. Lunch is provided, and childcare is offered for babies-5th grade. To register by May 16, please go to tabernaclebaptist.org/nmil.

National Day of Prayer Stations

Tabernacle Prayer Ministry Team is hosting a "drive-up" prayer tent on campus Tuesday, May 3 and Wednesday, May 4 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm both days. We need volunteers to work in the prayer tent as people from our community drive up seeking prayer. Volunteers are asked to commit to a 30-minute time slot, but feel free to select more than one! Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4eadac2ba7f49-prayer>.

Ladies' Brunch

We wish to honor all Ladies this Mother's Day weekend on Saturday, May 7 in the Fellowship Hall. Doors open at 9:45 am, program begins at 10:00 am. Ladies of all ages are invited to attend. Register at tabernaclebaptist.org/ladies-brunch to reserve your seat (\$10 per person/table for 6-\$60). Childcare available with RSVP (Babies through 5th grade). Contact Sherry Glaze with any questions (sglaze49@gmail.com).

Utah Construction Team

We have a team of seven in Hurum, Utah working with Emmanuel Baptist Church to build an outdoor pavilion (30'x50'). They left Saturday, April 30 and will return on May 7. Our students will be returning to Utah June 24 - July 2 and use the pavilion for their VBS. Also, Emmanuel will use this facility as a fellowship center and a place for community outreach. Please keep this mission team in your prayers (Frankie Kunf, Steve Powell, Joey Deese, Steve Grey, BJ Jones, Steve McCombs, Buddy Digsby).

Riva, Italy Mission Team

We are sending a team of six to Riva, Italy to work with the Carpenters to host an English KidVenture Camp. Please be in prayer for this team as they go share Jesus Christ (Amy and Jeff Burney, Madison Burney, Madison Powell, Katie and Ramsey Meadows)!

Celebrate Recovery Night of Worship and Cookout

Celebrate Recovery will have a cookout and "Night of Worship" on Tuesday, May 24 in A200 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Seth Kingry will lead worship. This ministry provides an opportunity for those with hurts, habits, and hang-ups to find victory in Jesus Christ and meets every Tuesday from 6:30 to 9:00 pm in A200.

Media Volunteers

We have several ways to get involved with our media department. There are roles for people who are just looking to get involved with media and for those who have experience in the field. Most positions will serve for one service every Sunday for a month, and then will have 1-2 months off. There are some exceptions, and we will go over those expectations if you are interested. For more information and to fill out our brief survey, please go to tabernaclebaptist.org/media if you are interested.

Parking Lot Greeters

First impressions matter. Everyone who comes on our campus has a first impression of Tabernacle. Can you help us ensure guests feel welcomed and informed by serving on our Parking Lot Ministry? Positions include parking lot greeter, shuttle driver (golf cart), and crosswalk greeter. We are asking for a commitment to be put on a rotation with other volunteers. You can serve before and/or after each worship hour on Sunday mornings. Please go to tabernaclebaptist.org/volunteer and look for the Parking Lot Greeters section to sign up.

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 or text any \$ amount to 770-285-0511

April Giving From God's Hands

	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24	YTD 2022
Tithes & Offerings	\$103,514.21	\$62,735.15	\$43,391.01	\$34,897.29	\$1,032,210.37
Budget Requirements	<u>\$56,423.00</u>	<u>\$56,423.00</u>	<u>\$56,423.00</u>	<u>\$56,423.00</u>	<u>\$929,095.58</u>
Under/Over Budget	\$47,091.21	\$6,312.15	-\$13,031.99	-\$21,525.71	\$103,114.79