

Other Opportunities

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery (CR) is a biblical and balanced program to help people overcome their hurts, hang-ups, and habits. Celebrate Recovery is based on God’s Word, is forward-looking, emphasizes personal responsibility, spiritual commitment to Jesus Christ, utilizes the spiritual truth that we need each other in order to grow spiritually and emotionally, addresses all types of hurts, hang-ups, and habits, and is also a leadership factory to move some into a ministry to help others in need.

Celebrate Recovery meets on Tuesday nights in A200 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm each week. Meetings consist of a worship service including lessons and testimonies followed by small group sessions. This is a mission opportunity for our Church in our community not offered by many in Bartow County. It is also an opportunity to see how God changes people’s lives. For more information, please call Ray DeArmond 404-402-3549.

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED

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.

Family Dinner Team

Come join our Family Dinner Team to help with food preparation, serving, hosting, and cleanup. Let Sarah know if you would like to join this team by calling the church or emailing skunf@tabernaclebaptist.org. Please make plans to attend a “meet Benita time” and appreciation dinner scheduled for Sunday, August 14 at 5:30 pm. Thanks for considering serving on our Family Dinner Team!

How can I give?

- At Tabernacle: Drop in giving stations 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

July Giving From God’s Hands					
	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	YTD 2022
Tithes & Offerings	\$85,961	\$52,982	\$47,909	\$51,038	\$1,803,632.
Budget Requirements	\$56,423	\$56,423	\$56,423	\$56,423	\$1,697,608
Under/Over Budget	\$29,538	-\$3,441	-\$8,514	-\$5,385	\$106,024



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NETMA
(Nobody Ever Tells Me Anything)



August 2022



LIFEGROUP
Promotion Sunday

All age-graded LifeGroups will promote to the next grade on Sunday, August 7. If you’re looking to get plugged into a LifeGroup, this is the perfect Sunday to check them out. You can find a list of Adult LifeGroups at tabernaclebaptist.org/priorities/fellowship.



Tabernacle Men’s Conference, “Manology” is Friday, August 12, 5:30 - 9:00 pm and Saturday, August 13, 7:30 am - 12:00 pm. All men, sons, and guests come join us for a weekend of great food, worship, discipleship, resources, and fellowship. We will be at the Powell Barn, 253 Shinall Gaines Rd, Cartersville, GA 30121. Breakout sessions will include ten important Bible doctrines: Bible, God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, Man, Sin, Salvation, Church, Angels, and End Times. Feel free to dress casual. Cost is \$35. Sign up by Sunday, August 7 and come ready for this focus time for men! Please register at tabernaclebaptist.org/events.

From our Pastor
Staying Sensitive to the Spirit

Acts 5 contains a rather startling story. It details how a husband and wife lied to, and essentially stole from, the early church. Having been made alive by an outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:2-4), the earliest believers exhibited a deep commitment to generosity. Scripture says (Acts 4:34-35) seeing some make large contributions, a husband and wife named Ananias and Sapphira pretended to give a generous gift. They sold a piece of personal property, kept a portion of the proceeds for themselves, and then made a donation to the church, acting as if they gave all of the earnings they had received from the sale of the property (Acts 5:1-2). Knowing what had happened, Peter confronted the husband, saying, “...why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the proceeds of the land?” (Acts 5:3).

Peter’s rebuke provides a beneath-the-surface look at what transpires when we sin in a grievous way. Flagrant violations of God’s Law actually require us to “lie to the Holy Spirit.” From reading the account of Acts 5, it is interesting to note that neither Ananias nor his wife had yet to lie to the congregation verbally (Acts 5:8). However, they had already lied to the Holy Spirit. Their greedy act involved deceit toward God Himself.

How did Ananias and Sapphira’s sin constitute lying against God? The reason is rather simple. When a believer is born again (John 3:3), he or she receives a portion of God’s Spirit to live within his or her soul (Galatians 3:2). The Holy Spirit then works to convict believers of sin. Jesus said, “When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, righteousness, and judgment” (John 16:8). Even after salvation, the Holy Spirit continues such work in the lives of believers. James said, “The spirit he made to dwell in us envies intensely...” (James 4:5).

The Holy Spirit functions like an inner-governor or radar in our lives. When we are tempted to think, speak, or act in a way that dishonors God’s character, He emits warning notifications in our souls. If you are a believer, surely you have experienced this aspect of His work? Do you know what it is like to experience the Spirit’s promptings and nudges?

According to Peter’s rebuke of Ananias, believers can be guilty of lying against the Spirit. Such takes place when we resist His work of conviction and instruction in our lives. The fate and consequences of such lying is disastrous. For Ananias and Sapphira, the result was immediate death. The Lord used their folly as an occasion for teaching a grave lesson to the church concerning the sin of resisting the Spirit (Acts 5:10-11). To our knowledge, the Lord doesn’t strike believers dead nowadays for sins against the Spirit (Hebrews 2:3-4). He could (1 John 5:16), but we don’t have the ability to decipher exactly when He works in such ways. However, we can be assured that all lying against the Spirit does result in a certain degree of spiritual death. The Bible warns believers about quenching and stifling the work of the Spirit (Ephesians 4:30; 1 Thessalonians 5:19).

As we turn our eyes to a new school year and a fall season full of ministry in our church, let’s aim to be sensitive to the Spirit’s work in our lives. May God give us grace to not shut down the Spirit’s prompts. We should examine ourselves regularly to see if there is any habit or attitude that suppresses the Spirit’s truth. Extra spiritual care should be given to root out any sin that has become a stronghold. We should erect boundaries and enlist accountability partners to insulate ourselves from temptations to sin against the Spirit.

Let’s remember that God’s work is accomplished by God’s Spirit alone (Zechariah 4:6; Acts 1:8). If we are guilty of grieving Him through speech patterns, secret sin, and inter-relational strife, we will quench His moving in our midst. However, if we stay sensitive to His leadership, we can expect God to bless and build our church! The Bible says, “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. We all, with unveiled faces, are looking as in a mirror at, the glory of the Lord and are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory; this is from the Lord who is the Spirit” (2 Corinthians 3:17-18).



The word “ordination” may not appear in Scripture, but the concept does. Words like “missions” and “Trinity” aren’t explicitly referenced in the Bible either, but we use them to refer to important Christian realities. The same is true with ordination. We use it as a label for the Biblical practice of selecting, appointing, and publicly commissioning men to one of the two offices of the church.

In ordination, men will be placed “before” the church (Acts 6:6). Such a visible presentation is important, as it makes the church body aware of who is being commissioned to serve. Next, ordination involves a time of prayer (Acts 6:6). The activity is important as it involves a recognition of a need for God’s help, along with a request for such help as well. Finally, ordination involves the laying on of hands. The gesture is a symbolic one that depicts a transfer of authority to those being ordained.

On August 28 at 5:00 pm in the Worship Center, we will ordain a group of men to our deacon ministry. I hope our church family sees the Biblical importance of this special time of worship. If you are available, please make plans to attend. It has often been said, “As goes the leadership, so goes the church.” The future of Tabernacle’s health and vibrancy is dependent on our commitment to raise up the next generation of leaders and servants. Let’s be present on August 28 to celebrate and support the God-given office of the deacon ministry!

Bridge Orientation

We can’t wait to share our connections to our community through ministry on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm for our fall outreach sessions. Bridge orientation will begin at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 17 in the Fellowship Hall, room E117. A sandwich supper will be provided along with this time of training (RSVP to skunf@tabernaclebaptist.org if you are planning to eat). This fall, we are planning to visit nursing homes, write cards to our folks in nursing homes and shut-ins, deliver gift packets to visitors, plan outreach and splash projects, benevolent acts, provide meals for families with newborns, new member connections, make evangelism visits, follow through on Hello Neighbor requests and use this time as a focused outreach each Wednesday beginning on August 31.

New Members



Nathan Cates



Watson and Cathy
Coffey



Barbara Cowart



Brad and Kim
Cowart



Chris Darden



Bruce and Cindy
Farmer



Mike and Michelle
Hill



Fitness with Jackie

Join us for Fitness with Jackie on August 13 and 27, and September 10 and 24. We meet in A200 10:00 - 11:00 am. If you have 1-3 lb hand weights, please bring them.

Luncheon

We will have our monthly Luncheon on August 15 at 11:30 am. Please bring a side dish and a friend.



Worship Ministry Kickoff

Our Worship Ministry Kickoff is coming August 10 at 6:00 pm! The Lord has blessed us with many new members this past year, you are invited to be a blessing this year in Worship Ministry! Come join us for fun, food, fellowship and worship as we kick off another dynamic year of worship at Tabernacle! We have lots of new music and ministry opportunities headed our way this fall.



How can I become a member of the Tabernacle Worship Ministry? If you love Jesus, love the Lord’s music and sense the Lord calling you, come on! Our Tabernacle Worship Choir is a non-auditioned group and open to 6th grade and above. Tabernacle Orchestra is open to players with three years of experience on their instrument.

We hope to see you August 10 for a brand new year of worship at Tabernacle! Please make a reservation for the kickoff by calling the music office at 770-383-1977 or send an email to jchilders@tabernaclebaptist.org.

Upcoming Events and Information

Deacon Ordination - August 28

Baptists are known for a handful of distinct Scriptural convictions. Years ago, I heard someone use the word “B.A.P.T.I.S.T.” as an acronym to depict such realities. The “B” stood for Biblical authority. One of the two uses of “T” stood for “two offices.” When I first heard reference to that idea, I didn’t know what it meant. In time, I learned it referred to the two offices for the local church — pastor and deacon. We see an explicit mention to these two groups of people in Philippians 1:1. In that verse, Paul said, “Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus: To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons.”

The word “overseers” is used interchangeably with other terms in the New Testament to speak of what we often call “pastors” (Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-5). The word “deacon” is one that sometimes appears alongside that of “pastor” or “overseer.” It speaks of a secondary office within the church. Paul’s words in 1 Timothy 3:1-13 seem to make it clear that the early church regarded pastors and deacons as forming the two ordained offices of leadership for the local church.

Why do I share all of this? Well, on August 28, we will have a special worship service in which we will ordain new deacons. The Scriptural precedent for this practice is found in Acts 6. That passage describes the appointment of the first deacons by saying, “So they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a convert from Antioch. They had them stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them” (Acts 6:5-6).



New Cook in the Kitchen

Please welcome Benita Hill as our new Food Service Coordinator for Family Dinners. She is the current owner of Benita’s Home Cooking Catering and managed the Capri Restaurant from the early 1990’s thru 2006. She will have a great menu lineup for all ages and focus to provide home-cooked meals each week!

Return of Family Dinner

A menu board will be available weekly for the coming meal. New for *Family Dinner*: no reservations required, kid’s 3 and under eat free, brown sack option available for kids, and salad will be available weekly! Cost for adults will be \$8, kids (ages 4-11) will be \$5, family maximum of \$30.

Wednesday Night Activities Are Back

All Wednesday Night activities for Preschool, Kids, Students, College, and Adults, including the Bridge, will be starting back on August 31.

August						
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		Bread of Life (12:45 pm) Celebrate Recovery (6:30 pm)	Men's Morning Prayer (6:45 am)	College Summer Night of Worship (6:00 pm)		
7 LifeGroup Promotion Sunday Worship/LifeGroups (9:15 am, 10:45 am)	8	9 Bread of Life (12:45 pm) Celebrate Recovery (6:30 pm)	10 Men's Morning Prayer (6:45 am) Worship Ministry Kickoff (6:00 pm)	11	12 Men's Retreat (Manology)	13 Men's Retreat (Manology) Classic Adult Fitness with Jackie (10:00 am) Student Leader Training (11:30 am)
14 Worship/LifeGroups (9:15 am, 10:45 am)	15 Classic Adult Luncheon (11:30 am)	16 Bread of Life (12:45 pm) Celebrate Recovery (6:30 pm)	17 Men's Morning Prayer (6:45 am) Wednesday Leaders/ Bridge Orientation (6:00 pm) Worship Choir Rehearsal (7:15 pm)	18	19	20 Winning as Parents (6:00 pm)
21 Worship/LifeGroups (9:15 am, 10:45 am) Discipleship with Dr. Whitney (4:00 pm)	22	23 Terrific Tuesday (11:00 am) Bread of Life (12:45 pm) Celebrate Recovery (6:30 pm)	24 Men's Morning Prayer (6:45 am) Tailgate (6:00 pm) Worship Choir Rehearsal (7:15 pm)	25	26	27 Classic Adult Fitness with Jackie (10:00 am)
28 First Grade Bible Day Worship/LifeGroups (9:15 am, 10:45 am) Deacon Ordination (5:00 pm)	29	30 Bread of Life (12:45 pm) Celebrate Recovery (6:30 pm)	31 Men's Morning Prayer (6:45 am) Wednesday Dinner (4:45 pm) Wednesday Night Activities (6:00 pm)			



WINNING AS PARENTS

HOW TO MAKE DISCIPLES IN YOUR HOME



Join us on Saturday, August 20, 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall as Dr. Donald Whitney, author of Family Worship and professor at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary shares how we can make disciples in our homes! A FREE meal is offered for those who register. This event is for any parent (or grandparent), no matter the age of your child. Childcare is available for babies-5th grade. Please register at tabernaclebaptist.org/events.

Discipleship with Dr. Whitney

On Sunday morning, Dr. Whitney will teach on 1 Timothy 4:7, "...discipline yourself for godliness," during the morning worship services. We invite you back to hear Dr. Whitney teach two sessions on Praying the Bible beginning at 4pm in the Worship Center. This is a weekend you do not want to miss!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Tailgate Kickoff

Join us on Wednesday, August 24 at 6pm at Tabernacle for a fun night as we kick off our semester. We will have a tailgate in the parking lot (small Preschool lot next to the Bread of Life) with plenty of fun for families, including inflatables and games! Additionally, we will preview our Sunday and Wednesday night opportunities. To host a tailgate (or tent), please register on our [events](#) page.



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. Our next service is September 25. Parents will meet for a brunch/class at 9:30 am and dedication will be in the 10:45 am service. To participate, email aburney@tabernaclebaptist.org by September 15.



First Grade Bible Day

First Grade Bible Day is August 28! It's one of the best days of the year! During this annual event, children are presented their own copy of the Word of God. Additionally, first grade families are recognized in worship. As a child learns to read, it is important for that child to learn the importance of reading God's Word daily!

First grade families will be contacted so that each child can select one of four different designs. If you know of a first grader that would like to participate that does not regularly attend Tabernacle, please reach out to Rebecca Willoughby at rwilloughby@tabernaclebaptist.org.



Color Wars

Middle school and high school students are invited to join us for a fun night on Wednesday, September 21, 6:30 - 8:00 pm at Dellinger Park (100 Pine Grove Road, Cartersville)! Students will be served a FREE meal and have fun playing games! We encourage students to wear a white shirt and be prepared to get messy! Find out more and register at tbcstudents.org/colorwars.



College Summer Night of Worship

Join us on Thursday, August 4 at 6:00 pm for a time of worship and fellowship where college students will get the chance to worship the Lord and dive into the Word together!