

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday, March 12**  
**9:00 a.m.** - Coffee Fellowship Time  
**9:15 a.m.** - Sunday School  
**10:30 a.m.** - Morning Worship  
 Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser

**Tuesday, March 14**  
 10:00 a.m. - Flower Power

**Wednesday, March 15**  
**5:30 p.m.** - BYOM Fellowship  
**6:15 p.m.** - Ministry Areas Open  
**6:30 p.m.** - Wed. Bible Study/Prayer  
 Mtg, Children and Youth Activities  
**7:30 p.m.** - Choir Rehearsal

### LAST WEEK'S RECORD

### IN SERVICE

**Stewardship Report for  
March 5, 2023**

Monthly Budget	\$ 41,059.00
Monthly Receipts	\$ 9,790.63
Weekly Receipts	\$ 9,790.63
TWG	\$ 365.00

Please place your Tithes and Offerings in the designated Drop Boxes that are located on both side entrances to the sanctuary, adult/youth hallway, children's hall or the drop box at the office door.  
 Thank you for your faithfulness!!

**Security – Gary Farmer**  
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**Deacons of the Week**  
 James Kimberly Chris Johnson  
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**Worship Care Children's Hall**  
 Kim Bennett Ken Bryant  
 Margaret Gaskill Katie Hood  
 Carol Floyd Melba Hubbard

### WELCOME VISITORS

## ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING®

[anniearmstrong.com](http://anniearmstrong.com)

If you are visiting with us today, we are glad you are here. We would love for you to fill out one of the **Welcome Cards** in the chair pocket in front of you so we can have a record of your visit. Please place the card in one of the drop boxes located out the side sanctuary doors.  
 Thank you for visiting with us!

Please begin to pray as to what you will give to the **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.**

We will observe the **Week of Prayer for North American Missions** Sunday March 26 - April 2.  
 Our Goal: \$3000

### PRAYER & INFO. SHEET

**STAY INFORMED** Pick up a sheet weekly to stay informed on prayer requests and upcoming events.

 Network: TBC WiFi Guest Password: TBCGuest	 TWITTER @TBCofMacon	 Stay Connected FACEBOOK @TBCMacon	 Instagram @tabernaclebaptistmacon	 TAB App
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## MOVING TOWARD MATURITY – ASSESSING OUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

**Psalm 139:23–24** - Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! (ESV)

**Ephesians 5:15–17** - Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. (ESV)

### PRAY IN FAITH

1. My prayers focus on discovering God's will more than expressing my needs.
2. I trust God to answer when I pray and wait patiently on His timing.
3. My prayers include thanksgiving, praise, confession, and requests.
4. I expect to grow in my prayer life and intentionally seek help to improve.
5. I spend as much time listening to God as talking to Him.
6. I pray because I am aware of my complete dependence on God for everything in my life.
7. Regular participation in group prayer characterizes my prayer life.
8. I maintain an attitude of prayer throughout each day.
9. I believe my prayers impact my life and the lives of others.
10. I engage in a daily prayer time.

## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

	<p><b>Clara McCook</b>                  5927 Plantation Villa Dr. N.                  Macon, GA 31210</p> <p>Send a card or note of encouragement this week.</p>	
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**Tabernacle Baptist Church**  
*God-Glorifying  
 Bible-Centered  
 Disciple-Making*





# WELCOME TO Worship

**Tabernacle Baptist Church**  
**Worship Guide**  
 Volume 14 Issue 11  
 March 12, 2023

## FAMILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

During this season leading up to Easter, we will be sharing a devotional reading from John Piper's *Fifty Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die* for each week's Family Devotional Guide. A suggested plan would be to simply read the devotional one day, discuss it another day, and then spend a third day looking up and discussing the Scripture references he cites. Note that the complete devotional is available for free: <https://www.desiringgod.org/books/fifty-reasons-why-jesus-came-to-die>

### “To Please His Heavenly Father” (Isaiah 53:10; Ephesians 5:2)

Jesus did not wrestle his angry Father to the floor of heaven and take the whip out of his hand. He did not force him to be merciful to humanity. His death was not the begrudging consent of God to be lenient to sinners. No, what Jesus did when he suffered and died was the Father's idea. It was a breathtaking strategy, conceived even before creation, as God saw and planned the history of the world. That is why the Bible speaks of God's “purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began” (2 Timothy 1:9).

Already in the Jewish Scriptures the plan was unfolding. The prophet Isaiah foretold the sufferings of the Messiah, who was to take the place of sinners. He said that the Christ would be “smitten by God” in our place.

Surely, he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities. . . . All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:4-6)

But what is most astonishing about this substitution of Christ for sinners is that it was God's idea. Christ did not intrude on God's plan to punish sinners. God planned for him to be there. One Old Testament prophet says, “It was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief” (Isaiah 53:10).

This explains the paradox of the New Testament. On the one hand, the suffering of Christ is an outpouring of God's wrath because of sin. But on the other hand, Christ's suffering is a beautiful act of submission and obedience to the will of the Father. So Christ cried from the cross, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Matthew 27:46). And yet the Bible says that the suffering of Christ was a fragrance to God. “Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God” (Ephesians 5:2).

Oh, that we might worship the terrible wonder of the love of God! It is not sentimental. It is not simple. For our sake God did the impossible: He poured out his wrath on his own Son—the one whose submission made him infinitely unworthy to receive it. Yet the Son's very willingness to receive it was precious in God's sight. The wrath-bearer was infinitely loved.

## BIBLICAL COUNSELING

Life can be difficult at times. There are seasons when we just wish that we had someone to help us through those difficult times. Here at Tabernacle, we believe that God's Word has an answer for all of life's problems. II Peter 1:3 states, *“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence”*. If you find yourself in one of these seasons, please see Pastor Jon or go to our website to sign up for an appointment. You will also find paperwork that helps the counselor get to know you a bit before you arrive. The paperwork can be downloaded, completed, then emailed, or it can be printed at your convenience, completed, and brought to the church office.

Problems with life are not a new thing. We all have them; you are not alone. Let Tabernacle come alongside you with the Bible to ease the pain and bring hope and help from God's perspective.

## PRAYER ROOM MESSAGE

The Lord's ways of working in the world are often mysterious, so it's important to remember His words, *“Be still and know that I am God.”* Sit quietly in His Presence, breathing in His Peace, and He will give you rest.

*“Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”* Psalm 46:10

*The Lord replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”* Exodus 33:14

Please visit our prayer room, [Joy in His Presence](#), enjoy the solitude and peace, and talk with the Lord without interruption. For entry access and instructions, contact Mary Robertson @ (478)318-2851.

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**Pastor of Worship & Administration - Kenny Wells**  
**Youth Pastor - Landon Crenshaw**  
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Congregational Call to Worship

“House Of The Lord”

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jon

Scriptural Call To Worship &

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Landon

**Mark 1:40-44**

Congregational Singing

“Heaven Came Down”

“All I Have Is Christ”

Adult Choir

“Jerusalem”

Congregational Singing

“In The Sweet By And By”

Sermon

Pastor Jon

**Luke 5**

*(For sermon outline go to [pastorjonbeck.com](http://pastorjonbeck.com))*

Song Of Response

“You Are My All In All”

Closing Prayer

## 2023-2024 NOMINATING COMMITTEE BALLOT

If you haven't already, please fill out and turn in your Nominating Committee Ballot. Please list the names of up to six people (men or women) you wish to recommend to serve on the 2023-2024 Nominating Committee. Place your ballot in one of the Tithes and Offering Boxes or the Drop Box at the Office Door.

