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Weekly Newsletter of Tabor City Baptist Church

# MEMBERS MEETING

## Quarterly Business Meeting

**Sunday, August 9th**

**6:00pm**

**Sanctuary**

**2020/2021 Budgets will be  
available at this meeting.**



Dear Church Family,

As I am writing this on Tuesday morning, I hope you'll rejoice with me that Hurricane Isaias has come and gone rather quickly without doing that much damage to our community. Join me in praying for those affected nearer to the coast where flooding occurred. I've only been through two serious hurricanes, most of you have been through many more; Let's praise God that this was not one of those. Most of us have power, and it seems life-loss has been minimal. If you or someone you know needs help cleaning up branches, limbs, or anything else, please let me or one of our deacons know. We'd be happy to help.

I wanted to provide a follow-up to our sermon from Sunday. We began our new series in the seven letters to the seven churches in Revelation. As lengthy as the introduction material was on Sunday, I did leave out a question that bears some further explanation. Rather than try to address it in *more* introduction this Sunday, I thought this would be a great place to provide this discussion for you.

There is a view of the letters to these seven churches that sees each church as a symbol or type of the Church throughout different eras of history. This view typically sees Revelation as *only* about things yet to happen in the future. While this view might say that these were real letters to real churches, it also suggests that the *real* meaning of the letters is played out throughout the Church's history, down to the present.

*Let me explain why I do not hold this view.*

- 1. The text gives us no reason to think this way.** Any argument suggesting that these churches are symbolic of the Church in different periods of history is an argument from silence. It is an argument that seems to have been made with a particular system or view in mind, rather than letting the text speak for itself. It's best to speak where Scripture speaks and to be silent where Scripture doesn't speak.
- 2. This view ignores the historical context.** We would not do this with any other letter in the New Testament. We always try to understand the historical context of what we're reading in order to *first* understand what it meant *then* in order to apply it *now*. This is how we handle every other epistle in the New Testament, whether it's Philippians, Romans, or 1 John. Reading these as *real* letters to *real* churches with *real* people about *real* circumstances in *real* time helps us to better understand the rest of Revelation. Without this historical framework, we can easily start inventing interpretations to suit our own views.
- 3. Every era of Church history can't be Laodicea.** When has the Church ever been perfect? When has the Church ever been without fault? When has the Church *not* needed reformation in *some* sense? Those who have held and taught this view in the past are *usually* getting to this conclusion: The *present* Church era is the church at Laodicea (the lukewarm church that God threatens to spit out of his mouth). It's understandable. Those who love the Church and want to see her stand up for truth, be bold for the Gospel, and shine as a light in the darkness; We can often look at everything that's *wrong* with the Church and say... *Laodicea!* But don't you think that *every* generation of the Church might be tempted to look at her flaws and say the same thing?

Rather than reading this *into* the text, why don't we just treat these letters as we do every other epistle in the New Testament? Let's read it for what it is, in its historical context, as real letters to real people; And then let's ask: "What is here for *our* church?" That's what we'll be doing in the remaining six letters. I hope you will come each week eager to "hear what the Spirit says to the *churches*"!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Matt

The idea of nearness to loved ones is the same that God has in mind for all His children. His greatest desire is to have His loved ones with Him throughout the endless ages of eternity in His home.

The Bible describes this heavenly Kingdom as a place where "there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain" (Revelation 21:4). We will continually experience life and love on the highest level with God himself.

You may think only a few people could qualify to get into such a place. Actually, just the opposite is true. Heaven is not reserved for "good" people because there is no such person. God makes it abundantly clear that no one is good except God alone (Luke 18:19).

Everyone has sinned. We all fall short of God's glorious standard (Romans 3:23).

Christ came to give us His own perfection, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (Romans 10:13).

You can meet the qualifications by simply asking Christ the Savior to come into your life and make you clean, plain and simple. A wise person will not put it off.

"Heaven is not reserved for good people, because there is no such person."

Have a good day and a splendid forever.

Love, Jerry B.



Altar Flowers

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers for Sunday, August 9th, will be given in loving memory of Lois Dameron by the Dameron family.

## Columbus Baptist Association Food/Supply Roundup for Baptist Children's Homes of NC

The Columbus Baptist Association will be collecting food, gift cards and monetary donations through September 23.

You may drop your donations in the collection box in the vestibule or bring them by the TCBC church office and the Missions Team will make sure they get to the CBA office. A complete list of needed items is available at the church office, in the vestibule, or at [www.bchfoodroundup.org](http://www.bchfoodroundup.org).



Tabor City Baptist Church,

We deeply appreciate the kindness shown to our family. The basket of flowers will always be a fond and beautiful remembrance!

Sincerely,  
Niles Hipps, Michael and Len Oliver



The church extends our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Jim Rogers upon his recent death.

Tonya will be out of the office next Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday.



## Items needed for Living Hope Pregnancy Services

**Gently used spring/summer clothing**  
Sizes Preemie-2T  
(Especially need 12 month girl and 2T Boy clothing)

**Gently used maternity tops in Large and Extra Large**

There is a container located in the vestibule for donations or you can bring them by the church office.



## Budget Discussion

Sunday, August 16th, 6:00pm  
Sanctuary

## Budget Vote/Nominating Committee Report Vote

Sunday, August 30th



### SUNDAY'S RECORD—August 2, 2020

Morning Worship .....64  
 Amount Needed/Weekly Budget..... 7,711.29  
**Budget Offering .....4,675.00**  
**Total .....4,675.00**  
 Year to Date Budget Needs.....377,853.21  
 Year to Date Budget Receipts .....272,993.42  
 Year to Date Total Receipts.....310,638.44

### THOSE WHO SERVE— August 9, 2020

**Sound Techs**  
 Reece Anna Cribb, Laney Cribb

## REOPENING PLAN

### STEP 1 Extended Through August

**Sunday Morning Worship Only—10:45am**

No Other On-Campus Activities

### STEP 2 Begins in September

Sunday School, Sunday Night Discipleship,  
 and Sunday Childcare resume

All Wednesday Activities  
 are Postponed until Further Notice

## Prayer List

Ronnie Jones  
 Bernon Prince  
 Barbara Harrelson  
 Rocky Norris  
 Theresa Johnson  
 Willaree Fowler  
 Katherine Coleman  
 Miona Fonvielle  
 Eddie Prince  
 Melva Dean Bruton  
 Bernice & Barbara Gerald  
 Frank Brewer  
 Vivian Grainger Brewer  
 Don Prince  
 Lilly Howard (leukemia)  
 Miles Buffkin  
 Dylan Adams (Hartsville, SC—teammate of  
 Richard & Margaret Ann Dameron's grandson)



August 4—Jim Smith  
 August 5—Tricia Clontz  
 August 6—Jami Lewis  
 August 7—Connie Cox  
 Chris Mills  
 August 8—Donna Smith  
 August 10—Vicky Lefler  
 August 11—Jennifer Cox  
 Gina Mitchell  
 August 12—Grace Darrow



### Church Office Information

Hours: M-TH 8:30 am-5:00 pm  
 (Closed 12-1pm for Lunch)  
 F-8:30 am-1:00 pm  
 Phone: (910)653-2029  
 Fax: (910)653-5812  
 www.tcbaptist.net

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 tonya@tcbaptist.net

**Matt's Cell:** (704) 616-5416  
**Tonya's Cell:** (910) 840-4818

### Church Staff

Senior Pastor—Matthew Price  
 Interim Pianist—Pam Harrelson  
 Ministry Assistant—Tonya Stevens  
 Custodian—Coley Greene

### Sunday Schedule

Men's Prayer Time—7:30 am  
 Sunday School—9:30 am  
 Sunday Morning Worship—10:45 am  
 Discipleship Groups—6:00 pm

### LISTEN OR WATCH LIVE

**SUNDAYS at 10:45am**  
**WEDNESDAYS at 6:00pm**

### LISTEN LIVE

Sundays at 1370 AM or  
 visit tcbaptist.net  
 and click "Listen Online"

### WATCH LIVE

Wednesdays by  
 visiting tcbaptist.net  
 and clicking "Watch Live"



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