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Glorify God and  
Make Disciples*

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Weekly Newsletter of Tabor City Baptist Church

**M**erry Christmas everyone!!! Whether your Christmas day is marked by joyful family activities, laughter and the giving and receiving of gifts, continued sickness, sorrow in the absence of a loved one or other of our painful but normal human experiences, I wish and pray for you a day of rejoicing in God's love and resting in an inner peace in knowing God has come to us to take us to be with Him. We cannot escape the realities of our humanity but we can rise above the heartache by celebrating the wonderful spiritual reality shown to us in Jesus Christ. A Savior has come to us therefore we can be merry in the anticipation of His deliverances. Take a few moments on Christmas day to remember the promises of Christ. Reflect back at the love of God displayed in the Christmas event. Give God praise and thanksgiving for the treasured moments shared on this special day. Affirm God's love and presence through your struggles and trials. Christmas is our day to look toward heaven and rejoice in God's act of love and acceptance to us and His promise to give us help for our journey and hope in the new world He will bring. So, I say to you, Merry Christmas!

I do want to encourage you to give thought to the idea of not leaving Jesus at the manger. Sunday, I plan to encourage you to let Christmas be an instigator for a closer walk with Christ in the year 2021. Let's not wrap up Christmas with the decorations and bustle for a new year celebration. Let's allow God to speak to us during this Advent and Christmas and lead us into another year more closely in fellowship with Him. See you Christmas Eve.

Bro. Earl



## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Thursday, December 24th, 5:00pm

## Poinsettias

If you purchased a poinsettia for the sanctuary, you can take it home after the Christmas Eve Service.



## A Note From Jim

Thank you to our choir members, accompanists, and tech crew who bravely joined together with vitality and love to lead our worship Sunday. It was a joyous musical time of celebration.

These twenty people blessed us with their singing:

Soprano: Alisa Darrow, Clara Fowler, Wanda Fowler, Barbara Harrelson, Meredith Lay, Lauren Richardson, Debbie Rogers, Donna Smith

Alto: Helen Bush, Margaret Jones, Emma Ann Lay, Mary Beth Smith, Caroline Vymislicky

Tenor: Chris Avery, Rodney Gore, Sam Rogers

Bass: Brian Fipps, Ronnie Jones, John Rogers, Paul Rogers

Our talented accompanists are Pam Harrelson, piano and Charlie Ward, bass guitar. Our faithful competent tech crew was Pete Rasmussen and Keith Darrow.

As I was reading the scripture from John 1:14 Sunday morning, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth," I was moved by the words, "We have seen His glory." We sing about God's glory through His son, Jesus Christ, but our earthly minds cannot begin to imagine the glory that awaits us in Heaven. John walked with Jesus and saw His glory at the Mount of Transfiguration and the Resurrection. Let's celebrate Christmas with the joy born of a hope to see the Glory of God.

Merry Christmas, Jim



*Merry Christmas from the Church Staff*  
Pastor Earl Jim Tonya Coley Pam



### SUNDAY'S RECORD—December 20, 2020

Morning Worship.....109  
 Amount Needed/Weekly Budget.....6,169.35  
**Budget Offering ..... 24,005.00**  
 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering .....7,837.00  
 Given to date: 11,352.00  
**Total ..... 31,842.00**  
**Year to Date Budget Needs..... 98,709.60**  
**Year to Date Budget Receipts ..... 106,484.00**  
**Year to Date Total Receipts..... 127,536.00**

### THOSE WHO SERVE— December 27, 2020

**Sound Techs**  
 Pete Rasmussen, Justin Hughes  
**Deacon Offering Collectors**  
 Marlette Watson, Don Watts  
**Deacons at Doors**  
 Burnett Coleman, Keith Darrow

### Happy Birthdays

December 22—Nancy Jernigan  
 John Lewis  
 December 23—Eddie Prince  
 Bobby Powell  
 December 24—Meredith Lay  
 December 25—Van Greene  
 December 26—Lorena Fowler  
 December 27—Evan Cribb  
 December 28—Eunice Stevens  
 Brandon Prince  
 December 30—Anna Cribb  
 January 2—Wanda Fowler  
 Barbara Gerald  
 January 7—Greg Greene  
 Margaret Dameron  
 Catherine Christmas  
 January 8—Brady Ivey  
 January 14—Emma Ann Lay  
 Kevin Norris  
 January 15—Bernice Gerald

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers for Sunday, December 27, will be given in loving memory of James W. Todd by Betty Todd.

### 2021 Altar Flowers

If you would like to furnish the altar flowers for a Sunday next year, please call the church office. Following dates available:

January 3, 17	August 1, 29
February 21, 28	September 5, 26
April 4, 11	October 10, 31
May 9, 16	November 7, 14, 28
June 13, 20	December 26
July 11	

### Building & Grounds Committee

Tuesday, December 29th  
 7:00pm  
 Fellowship Hall

### Prayer List

Sonja Norris  
 Pastor Earl Spivey  
 Shawn & Wendy Fipps (Nelson Lee's sister-in-law)  
 Delond & Dana Gore  
 Renae Gore Ward  
 Gail Sarvis (Jerry Bullard's cousin)  
 Mark Harris  
 Bill Lowery-in rehab (Jim Smith's brother-in-law)  
 Walter Williamson  
 Wanda Ward  
 Leon Edward Fonvielle  
 Mary Currie (Audrey Greene's mother)  
 Mary Bow  
 Patsy Bullard  
 Rocky Norris  
 Willaree Fowler  
 Katherine Coleman  
 Eddie Prince  
 Melva Dean Bruton  
 Bernice & Barbara Gerald  
 Frank Brewer  
 Don Prince  
 Miles Buffkin



### Church Office Closed

Thursday & Friday, December 24 & 25

### 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  
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**Pastor Earl's Cell:** (843)877-5722  
**Jim's Cell:** (910)207-1507  
**Tonya's Cell:** (910)840-4818

### Church Staff

Supply Pastor—Rev. Earl Spivey  
 Interim Worship Leader—Jim Smith  
 Pianist—Pam Harrelson  
 Ministry Assistant—Tonya Stevens  
 Custodian—Coley Greene

### Sunday Schedule

Sunday Morning Worship—10:45 am

### LISTEN LIVE SUNDAYS at 10:45am

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