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Glorify God and  
Make Disciples**

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**TABOR CITY BAPTIST CHURCH  
MUSIC MINISTRY  
PRESENTS**

**The Canticle of Christmas**  
**A Celebration of the Birth of Christ**

**By the Adult Choir  
Accompanied by Orchestra  
Directed by Jim Smith**

**Sunday, December 18, 2022  
6:00pm**

**Fellowship to Follow**

Please bring hors d'oeuvres  
(meat, vegetable, fruit) and  
desserts. Please drop your  
food off in kitchen by  
5:45pm.

**M**erry Christmas everyone. I say that not out of an emotional excitement or unique sense of exuberance that permeates the Christmas season. I am struggling through the season of joy this year. The medical struggles and emotional draining that comes with them seems to rob you of the emotional excitements of various special occasions. However, I've discovered the joy of Christmas is not emotionally based. It doesn't come from special decorations or a magical excitement in the air. It instead, comes from the inner comfort of God's reaching down to me. As I walk through this year's Advent devotional, my heart is warmed and joy is sparked. As I worship with you, I am humbled by God's love which dwells among us. As I see the manger scenes and Christmas images, I feel the joy rising from within. It is nice to feel the emotional excitements of a season. Yet, experiencing the "joy of the LORD" doesn't need seasonal fanfare. It only requires our pausing to look back at the acts of God that demonstrate His great love for us.

If you are having a somber Christmas, may you experience merriness growing from your faith and comfort in Christ's love for you. Let God gift you with peace and joy that goes beyond emotion. We can celebrate deep within, without outward exuberance. God can give inner joy as we worship Him all year through. The joy of the LORD be unto you all.

Blessings and inner joys,  
Bro Earl

**TCBC Men & Guests  
Fellowship Christmas Gathering**

Thank you to all the men that attended the men's Christmas outing at Dale's this past Saturday. We had around 35 in attendance.

The following received a special recognition for being ninety and above: Bernice Gerald, Wade Fowler, Paul Rogers, Junior Ward, not pictured Don Watts.



**Baptist Women**

Thank you to the Baptist Women for preparing and delivering 35 "care bags" at our December 6th meeting.

**A Small Town Christmas**

Mon, Dec. 19  
The State Theatre—Loris  
Tues, Dec. 20  
The Todd House—Tabor City  
Doors Open at 6pm  
with Hors d'oeuvres  
6:30pm Showtime  
Admission is FREE



**Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service**  
Sat, Dec. 24th @ 5pm

# Prayer Meeting Guide

(Phyllis Elvington)

## *Lessons from the Life of Anna—A Senior Adult...*

### I. Luke 2:36-38 (NIV)

<sup>36</sup> *There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. <sup>38</sup> Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.*

### II. Led by the Holy Spirit

A. Prophetess

B. Worshipper

C. Prayer Warrior

D. Full of Thanksgiving

E. Witness for Jesus

F. Never lost Hope

### III. Let's commit to walk in Anna's footprints this week.

# PRAYER FOCUS

(Acts 1:8)

## TCBC

*Pastor Search Committee*

Ronnie Graham

Barbara Harrelson

Mark Harris (Chairman)

Lauren Richardson

Sam Rogers

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you  
should go; I will guide you with My eye.  
Psalm 32:8 (NKJV)*

## Special Needs

Pastor Earl

Jim Smith

Phyllis Elvington

The Canticle of Christmas

Churchwide Christmas Caroling

Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Day Worship Service

## Deacons

Keith Darrow

Dennis Jones (Chairman)

Marlette Watson

Barbara Harrelson

Ronnie Jones

Drake Richardson

Mark Harris

Judy Prince

Sam Rogers

*Look to the LORD and his strength;  
seek his face always.  
Psalm 105:4 (NIV)*

## Nation & World

- Extreme Weather in U.S.
- Covid—Flu—RSV
- Ukraine—Russia War
- Unrest China, Saudi Arabia, Iran...
- Matt Bullard & Mission Team in Guatemala

**SUNDAY'S RECORD—December 11, 2022**

Sunday School .....	56
Morning Worship .....	73
Online Viewers .....	51
Wednesday Prayer Meeting .....	25
Wednesday (Youth, Children, Leaders) .....	17
Amount Needed/Weekly Budget .....	5,786.36
Budget Offering .....	18,655.00
Lottie Moon .....	5,505.00
(Church Goal: 7,500.00—Given to Date: 10,028.00)	
Benevolence .....	300.00
Baptist Men .....	150.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>24,610.00</b>

Included in the above figures are memorials for Eddie Prince and Caroline Rogers.

**Year to Date Budget Needs .....** 86,795.51  
**Year to Date Budget Receipts .....** 111,159.00  
**Year to Date Total Receipts .....** 127,662.00

**THOSE WHO SERVE— December 18, 2022**

- Deacon Offering Collectors**  
 Sam Rogers, Ronnie Jones  
**Deacons at Doors**  
 Drake Richardson, Mark Harris  
**Sound Techs**  
 Pete Rasmussen, Dunkin Lay  
**Video Tech**  
 Stan Fowler  
**Nursery Workers**  
 Debbie Rogers, Theresa Johnson

**Prayer List**

- Diona Greseth (Dean Duncan Soles' daughter)  
 Sue Clontz (Wallace's daughter-in-law)  
 Ash-Leigh Stevens (Judy Prince's niece)  
 Eddie & Faye Grainger  
 Brenda Young Singletary  
 Alan Ruiz (Catherine Garrell's son)  
 Ronnie Jones  
 Walter Williamson  
 Dan Bush  
 Nikki Ague  
 Bill Fowler  
 Rebekah Hudson (Ellen Johnson's daughter)  
 Pastor Earl Spivey  
 Pam Spivey  
 Tommy Spivey  
 Helen Bush  
 Camilla Nobles



**Shut-ins**

- Carole Watts  
 Doris Mills  
 Wade Fowler  
 Ann Lay  
 Mary Currie (Audrey Greene's mother)  
 Mary Bow  
 Cynthia Inman  
 Gene Burroughs, Sr.  
 Freddie Long  
 Allene Dorman  
 Betty June Ward

**Wednesday Night Supper Schedule**

- December 14—Nelson Lee  
 December 21—Jim Smith  
 December 28—No Activities



**Adult Choir Christmas Party**

Tues, Dec 20th @ 6pm

**Church-wide Christmas Caroling**

Wednesday, December 21st  
 5:30pm—Meal 6:00pm—Caroling

**Quarterly Business Meeting**

The first quarter business meeting will be held on January 1. If you have a report to include, please get it to the office by December 28th.

**Altar Flowers**

The altar flowers for Sunday, December 18th will be given to the glory of God and in memory of Eddie Prince by Judy Prince.

*Happy Birthdays*

- December 15—Jimmy Tompkins  
 December 18—Amanda Winslow  
 December 19—Sarah Greene  
                   Cynthia Inman  
 December 21—Chessa Lee  
 December 22—Nancy Jernigan  
                   John Lewis  
 December 23—Bobby Powell  
 December 24—Meredith Lay  
 December 25—Van Greene  
 December 28—Eunice Stevens  
                   Brandon Prince

**Church Office Information**

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**Church Staff**

- Supply Pastor—Rev. Earl J. Spivey, Jr.  
 Interim Worship Leader—Jim Smith  
 Supply Prayer Leader—Phyllis Elvington  
 Pianist—Pam Harrelson  
 Ministry Assistant—Tonya Stevens  
 Custodian—Coley Greene

**Sunday Schedule**

- Sunday School—9:45 am  
 Sunday Morning Worship—10:45 am

**Wednesday Schedule**

- Afterschool Activities—4:15-5:00pm  
 Supper—5:00-5:45 pm  
 Children & Youth Studies—5:30-6:30pm  
 Adult Prayer Meeting—6:00-6:40 pm  
 Adult Choir Rehearsal—6:45 pm

**LISTEN/WATCH LIVE SUNDAYS at 10:45am**

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

Watch Live on YouTube  
 (Link on Website)

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