



# THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH

*Trust God Bless Others Celebrate Grace*

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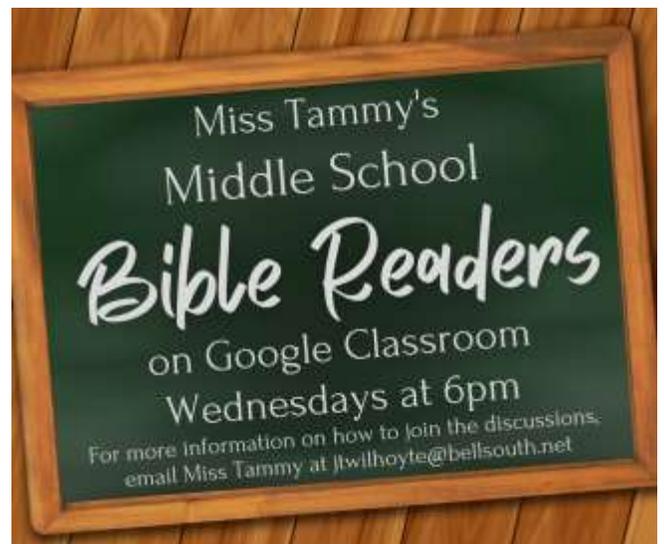
# The Courier

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Worship with us  
Sunday on Facebook!  
Pastor Micah will lead us in





**Pastor Micah Spicer**

There is a story in the Old Testament that describes a battle scene when the sun stood still. Joshua led the Israelite Army to victory over the Amorites that long day in the 10th chapter of the book. While I am no astronomer, I recognize that the earth spins on its axis and revolves around the sun. Joshua describes a long, slow day in this scene. Many of us can relate. We might even say that it has been a long, slow year!

In the previous days and weeks, I am becoming convinced that time at TBC is not slowing down like it did in Joshua's day, but speeding up. Many things are happening, and they are happening fast. Third Baptist Church has received some media attention recently for a

potential partnership with The Empowerment Academy, a local nonprofit organization dedicated to providing safe, long term housing to students. Perhaps you read the article in the Messenger Inquirer or saw Gary Kirtley speaking with reporters on Eyewitness News. At this time, the Church has made no commitments to the Empowerment Academy, but our church leadership team is dialoguing with our friends at The Empowerment Academy and imagining the possibilities. In the coming days, expect a letter from me offering some additional information.

Also, I am sensing a new energy from folks who are excited about gathering together again. I think that everyone is looking forward to

a safe return to our beautiful sanctuary. It is encouraging to know that several church members have been vaccinated or are scheduled to receive their vaccination in the coming weeks and months. The future is bright! The church leadership team is currently discussing the possibility of opening our sanctuary for worship service on Sunday mornings. In order to serve you, we want to hear from you. In the next few days, the church will send out a small survey to gather your thoughts on gathering together virtually and gathering together in the sanctuary. It is important that you share your convictions with us. May God grant us wisdom in the decision-making process! Until then, we remain committed to fulfilling our mission as a beloved community: Trust God, Bless Others, Celebrate Grace.



**Jan Lampkin**  
*Children's Minister*

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.”  
*Proverbs 2:6*

How long do you think you could balance on one foot? Try timing yourself. It is more difficult than it sounds! Once there was a man that balanced on one foot for 76 hours. That is more than three whole days! I guess it is a skill but to me it is an incredible waste of time. He did this to get his name in the Guinness Book of Records.

That act is quite impressive but how do you balance all the things you need to do in a day's time? Between school, homework, friends, hobbies, music, chores, and watching your favorite TV shows, you have lots of things you

have to balance during the day. Don't forget reading your Bible and praying to God! You must include these too. Do you feel that the days are too short and you don't get everything done? If you are hanging out with friends too much or spending too much time watching TV or playing video games, you probably need to get your life more in balance. You need to spend a little time with God every day! Maybe it is time for a balance check! I think this is a good idea for all of us!

Remember to Trust God,  
Bless Others, and Celebrate Grace!



# Worship MINISTRY

DAVID ROBERSON

I'm going to say a few words with my finance hat on. We did pretty good last year financially. We took in more money than we spent. We contributed less money than our budget predicted but with no meetings in the building our expenses were much lower than usual. We also received a couple of large gifts which helped us end the year in the black. Thank you for your giving through the crazy year we just had.

Now, January has not been a good month for offerings. We aren't meeting our budget requirements. I would just ask you to continue being consistent in giving your to the church.



**Joe Bob Pierce**  
*Formations*

## Ash Wednesday

Next Wednesday, February 17, is Ash Wednesday. We usually think of Catholicism when we think of Ash Wednesday or even when we think of the Christian church year. But Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, which is observed by many Christian denominations. It is supposed to be a time when the church pauses to reflect on the last days of Jesus before his crucifixion. And we are invited to do something that will remind us each day of the suffering and death of the Savior. Often people give up something during Lent, and it is



Let today be the day you give up who you've been for you who can become.

**Blend Ash Wednesday**

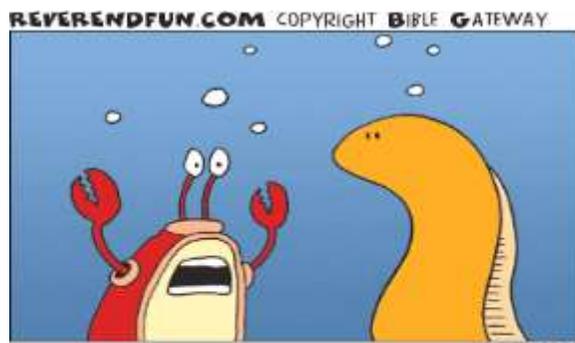
given up until Easter Sunday (which is kind of the 'July 4th' for the church.) Giving up something or taking up a new daily practice allows us to sacrifice in a way that shares in Jesus' sacrificial life. So perhaps you can use next Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, as the beginning of a new spiritual practice that can draw you closer to God.

# Deacon Meeting

The Deacons will meet via Zoom conferencing on Sunday, February 21 at 5pm.

To access the meeting: please copy the information to your web browser.

<https://zoom.us/j/2706830269>



GOOD GRIEF MAN ... CAN'T YOU SEE THAT WE NEED EACH OTHER? I CAN'T BOW MY HEAD AND YOU CAN'T FOLD YOUR HANDS ... IF WE DON'T TEAM UP THEN WE HAVEN'T GOT A PRAYER!



**August 9, 2021**  
**Celebrating 125 years!**

What are some of your favorite memories of TBC? How long have you been attending here? Did your parents attend here? Were married in the sanctuary? What were the church picnics like? Did you have a favorite pastor or Sunday School teacher? What do you love about TBC?

Share your memories and include a photo or two. You may find your story featured in the Courier!

**SYMPATHY**

The Church expresses its deepest love and sympathy to:

Mark & Susan Rouse and their family in the loss of his aunt, **Lena Lovan**;

**Patricia Matthews** in the loss of her sister; **Jayline & Toode Gray** and their family in the loss of their mother, Michelle Gray.

**Laura Bronn** and her family in the loss of her mother-in-law.

**MEMORIALS**

*in memory of Jackie Peveler* by Jean Lampkin, Myrtie Wilhoyte, Craig Miller, Lindy & Abbie Mercer, Louise Hartsough, Ruth Snyder & Dana Kay Snyder Dale

*in memory of Robbie Miller* by Jean Lampkin, Myrtie Wilhoyte, Craig Miller, Lindy & Abbie Mercer, Vera Faye Lancaster

*in memory of Betty Sue Hill* by Ruth Snyder & Dana Kay Snyder Dale

*in memory of Lena Lovan and in honor of her 100th birthday (2/22)* by June Coons, Laura Bronn, Paula Settle, Tom & Judy Dixon, Mary Vaughn, Louis & Vicki Bellamy, Ronolo & Associates, Doug & Linda Jenkins, Louanna Hatch

*in memory of Charlie & Emogene Settle* by Paula Settle

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

- ◆ The family of Lena Lovan
- ◆ Tony & Betty Delack's daughter working in the ICU
- ◆ Patricia Matthews
- ◆ Braxton Ledlow
- ◆ Robin Hall (chemotherapy)
- ◆ Army Armstrong
- ◆ Lindy & Abbie Mercer
- ◆ Joe Bob Pierce's father
- ◆ Elaine Williams' sister
- ◆ Phil Shown
- ◆ Charlotte Benningfield's mother
- ◆ Tammy Wilhoyte's mother
- ◆ Linda Spinks
- ◆ Russ Page
- ◆ Covid-19 Pandemic Victims
- ◆ Health Care Workers
- ◆ Those who are grieving

**THANK YOU**

It is with great appreciation that I thank Elaine Williams and Vicki Wells for the food and the literature they brought to me after my recent surgery. We have the best church family and so many good people at Third Baptist!

*Patricia Matthews*

**DEACON INFORMATION**

**February 14**

Elaine Williams, Bill Genet  
Hope and Harvest Team  
Harold Wilson, Dan Atteberry

**February 21**

Harold Wilson, Curtis Hannah  
Hope and Harvest Team  
Bill Genet, Laura Bronn

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 4 Laura Bronn
- 5 Sharon Gray
- 5 Bradley Durbin
- 10 Jackie Napper
- 10 Selena Nofsinger
- 11 Shalynn Shelton
- 12 Louise Hartsough
- 13 Cherri Lolley
- 14 Jaylen Huff
- 15 Elizabeth Decker
- 17 Christina Claypool
- 17 Sam Lee
- 18 Norma Boling
- 18 Kayla Boone
- 19 McKenzie Boone
- 20 Averie Jennings
- 20 Zachary Neal
- 21 Jayline Gray
- 21 LeShawn Heath
- 21 Cora Lee
- 21 Jackson Decker
- 22 David Pendley
- 23 Dwight Lovan
- 23 Jesse Rhodes
- 23 Larry Hastings
- 24 Jaxon Jennings
- 26 Davion Jennings
- 26 Emogene Paris
- 27 Stacey McCarty



**OUR RECORDS**

Week Of	Jan 3	Jan 10	Jan 17	Jan 24	Jan 31
Total Offering	\$4,428	\$7,096	\$6,464	\$2,578	\$8,180
Capital Fund	-	-	-	\$100	\$127
Memorials	\$75	\$60	\$300	\$210	\$385
Children	\$413	\$103	\$103	\$103	\$503
Missions	\$220	\$800	\$140	-	\$20
Envelopes	\$25	\$25	\$91	\$5	\$10
Other Funds	-	\$458	-	-	-
General Fund	\$3,595	\$5,650	\$5,830	\$2,160	\$7,135
Weekly Needs	\$8,552	\$8,552	\$8,552	\$8,552	\$8,552