

# THE LINK

## Tabernacle Baptist Church

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**A (Belated) Tribute to Marion Fant**  
 It's April 11, 2013. He gave it up this morning. God said, "It's time, Marion. It's April, time to plow and plant. There's a garden here in heaven, and you're the man to plant it. Marion Fant was a quiet and modest man. He didn't make mountains out of molehills. He was my neighbor, and as neighbors go, he was the best. He and Bessie had bird dog noses for sniffing out friends and neighbors in need of comforting, or sympathy or a helping hand. They were unobtrusive, those two. They didn't make a lot of noise, or create a lot of fuss. They just showed up at the right time, and they knew what to do and say. They were long time members of Tabernacle Baptist Church where they served anywhere they were needed, without ever seeking the lime light (that's they way I see them). They were always loyal and always there until declining health kept them away. That is their God-given legacy, and who could want better? It saddens me now to recall that although we have been neighbors for over 40 years, we didn't get to know each other well. Not at first. We had different interests - traveled different roads. But when our loved one died, our roads merged. When our family was numb with grief, they were there with food, advice, and their best gift of all, themselves. They were independent cusses, Marion and Bessie. They were some of the original "do-it-yourselfers", always giving more than they received. When God is finished with us here on earth, as He surely will be, and when it's Marion's turn to enter those pearly gates, maybe Jesus will slide over and give up his "right hand" seat, if only for a moment, to honor a deserving brother, a Christian man, a good neighbor!

The Bradburn Family

(printed with the approval of The Fant Family)

Financial Giving Report-July 28, 2013  
 Total.....\$13,845.00  
 Regular Offering.....12,162.00  
 Building Fund.....1,252.00  
 Recreation Ministry.....390.00  
 (Softball Jerseys)  
 Debt Reduction.....41.00

Financial Giving Report-August 4, 2013  
 Total.....\$14,040.47  
 Regular Offering.....11,271.47  
 Building Fund.....1,273.00  
 Security Camera.....200.00  
 Missions Fund (Niagara Project).....40.00  
 Debt Reduction.....1,074.00  
 Debt Reduction Honorarium.....150.00  
 (Mr. Fred Howard, Sr. Mrs. Tom Vaughn,  
 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Geer II)  
 Pioneer Memorial.....30.00  
 (Mr. Bruce Birmingham, Mr. Wilbur Smith Jr.)

*Read the Bible Through*  
 Psalms 65-68  
 Acts 20:1-15

TABERNALE BAPTIST CHURCH, 915 S. PICKENS STREET, UNION SC 29379

**Robert Chapman, Pastor (Office Tel. No. 427-9847)**  
 David Wells, Worship Leader/Music  
 Jean Young, Organist  
 Jeanie Malone, Pianist  
 Delores J. Morgan, Ministry Assistant  
 Cyle & Alison Colber, Part Time Ministers of Youth  
 Don Raye Shetley, Part Time Maintenance Supervisor



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*The Pearl Johnson*  
 Associational Offering  
 Associational Goal: \$6,000

(The offering will go to purchase and outfit a Block Party Trailer for outreach through the Associational churches.)

### Deacon of the Month (August)

Jason Spencer

### Inside Greeters August 11, 2013

Judy Graham  
 Lucille Hooper

### Parking Lot Greeters August 11, 2013

Lynn McMillian  
 Mary Jane Long

### Extended Session August 11, 2013

**Babies:** Deanie Brown, Lynn McMillian  
**Toddlers:** John & Brittnee Gregory  
**Sun. Night:** Last Session for Summer  
**Light Small Group Bible Studies**  
**Wed. Night:** Eddie & Rita Hines

### Deacon of the Month (August)

Jason Spencer

### Inside Greeters August 18, 2013

Dudley & Hazel Adams  
 Calvin & Annette Walker

### Parking Lot Greeters August 18, 2013

William Smith  
 Graham Williams, Joey Chapman

### Please Note

Please pick up your revised August church calendar & July/August ECHO (UCBA newsletter) at the Welcome Center.

### Extended Session August 18, 2013

**Babies:** Hazel Adams, Annette Walker  
**Toddlers:** Wilbur & Carol Smith  
**Sun. Night: Church Wide Meal & Fellowship (Outside at Randy & Kay Wilbur's home-131 Bishop Rd, Union. Additional information in this Link.)**  
**Wed. Night:** Ricky & Amy Smith

### C.L.I.C.K Workers (Children's Church)

C.L.I.C.K (Children's Church) workers for the month of August are Jay & Dawn Childers and Marla Austin. Youth C.L.I.C.K workers for the month of August are Caleb Chapman, Alex Childers, Sydney Childers and Abi Home.

### Church Food Pantry

We are trying to use the Lord's blessings to the best of our means. Rather than have a wide open food pantry, we want to find out from church members those who have a need and minister to them. If you or someone you know could benefit from our church food pantry, please contact the church office. To restock our EMPTV food pantry we need canned vegetables, canned soup, canned meat, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, boxed macaroni & cheese, grits & rice. Thank you for your help!

### VSP Ministry

For those involved with the VSP Ministry, don't forget to visit your shut in & homebound members!

### Upcoming Events

The Property Committee will meet Thursday, August 8, 2013 at 6:30 pm in the Library.

#### **\*\*Summer Light\*\* Small Group Bible Studies**

Summer Light Small Group Bible Studies for youth, adults, and children ends Sunday Evening, August 11<sup>th</sup>. The children and preschoolers meet in the FLC Sunday from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

There will be a Special Called Business Celebration (Meeting) on Sunday, August 11, 2013, during the Morning Worship Service to vote on the list of Proposed Officers & Teachers for 2013-2014.

The Deacon and Nominating Committee Nominations will be Sunday, August 11, 2013, during the Morning Worship Service. The qualifications of the Deacon Council as set forth in *Section 2 - DEACON COUNCIL* of the Church By-Laws were printed in the August 4, 2013 bulletin.

The Deacons who rotate off in 2013 are Patrick Russell, Roger Wade, Sam White and Randy Wilburn. The Deacons who rotate off in 2014 are Tommy Anthony, Jay Childers, Lynn Eaves, and Wilbur Smith. The Deacons who rotate off in 2015 are Maurice Bevis, Berji Reynolds, Kevin Smith, and Jason Spencer. Please do not nominate any of the above members.

The Nominating Committee members who rotate off in 2013 are Maxine Craft and Kay Wilburn. The Nominating Committee members who rotate off in 2014 are Donna Anthony and Amy Smith. The Nominating Committee members who rotate off in 2015 are Rita P. Hines and Carrie Smith. Please do not nominate any of the above members.

### Upcoming Events

#### **Love Offering**

A love offering will be taken Sunday, August 11, 2013, for the Ken Becknell Family. Ken's mother has cancer. You may give through your Sunday School class or place your love offering in the plate on Sunday morning. If you have any questions, please see any member of the Benevolence Committee (Katie White, Amy Smith or Donna Cody).

The Lydia Greene Group will meet Tuesday, August 13, 2013, at 10:00 am in the Library.

The Lottie Moon Group will meet Tuesday, August 13, 2013, at 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Hostess is Mrs. Lois Hooper.

The Deacons will meet Tuesday, August 13, 2013, at 6:30 pm in the Library.

The Pearl Johnson Group will meet Tuesday, August 13, 2013, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Hostess is Ms. Delores J. Morgan.

The Family Life Center is reserved all day Tuesday, August 13, 2013, for the Relay for Life Meeting.

The Reducing the Risk training class will be held Wednesday, August 14, 2013, at 6:00 pm. For those members needing training, please check your bulletin Sunday or call the church office for the location of this important training class.

The Keenagers will be going to Dempsey's Pizza in Clinton, SC, on Thursday, August 15, 2013. Leave the church at 5:00 pm. One bus reserved. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

The Recycled Teens will not meet in August.

### Upcoming Events

#### **Prayer Walking**

The Transformational Church Prayer Group invites you to be involved in prayer walking on the sidewalk in front of our schools (Buffalo, Foster Park, Sims, Monarch and UCHS) on Sunday, August 18, 2013, at 5:00 pm. Meet at the school of your choice to prayer walk. Due to distance and time, a group will be in the Fellowship Hall prayer walking for Lockhart and Jonesville schools. As school begins the next day (Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>), we want to intentionally pray for our students, teachers, and faculty.

#### **Church Wide Fellowship & Meal**

The Church Wide Fellowship & Meal (BBQ Pig and Hot Dogs) to end the Summer Light Small Group Bible Studies will be Sunday Evening, August 18, 2013, at 6:00 pm outside at the home of Randy & Kay Wilburn (131 Bishop Road in Union.) You are asked to bring chips, coleslaw, baked beans, drinks, desserts or any other food item you wish. The Deacons will provide homemade ice cream. The church will furnish plates, cups, bowls, hamburger/hot dog buns, silverware and napkins. Folding chairs will be available, but you can bring your comfortable lawn chair. There will be testimonies and entertainment at the Church Wide Fellowship and Meal. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you wish to ride the bus. Bus #1 is reserved. This event will take the place of our Evening Worship Service. **In case of rain, meet in the FLC!**

#### **Wednesday Activities**

The Children & Preschool choirs will begin Wednesday, August 21, 2013, from 6 pm-6:45 pm. The RA's, GA's, Mission Friends and Youth Upper Room will begin Wednesday, August 21, 2013, from 6:45 pm to 7:30 pm.

### Upcoming Events

#### **Upstate Sunday School/ Small Group Conference**

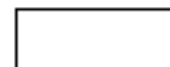
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**Creating relationships that  
Make & Grow Disciples**  
**Saturday, August 24, 8 am-12:30 pm**  
**Taylor's First Baptist Church**  
**Taylor's SC**

Some of the breakout sessions that will be offered: *Life Change 101: Moving from Teaching to Transforming Lives; Teaching Bible Stories; Deacon Ministry through Sunday School; Better Lesson Preparation; Starting New Classes and Groups; Dealing with Conflict in the Church; Teaching Spiritual Foundations to Children; Help! I'm a Preschool Teacher; Safety & Security Issues; Foundations for Student Ministry; Intentional Discipleship.* Special sessions (tracts): *My Hope with Billy Graham "Matthew" Training & Two Tracts for Pastors led by Dr. Frank Page.* We'll leave the church at 7 am. Please sign up at the Welcome Center. Both buses are reserved.

#### **AWANA Workers Needed!**

AWANA is set to kick-off soon and workers are needed. If you are interested in helping with AWANA, please contact the church office.



#### **Tailgating Kick-Off**

The AWANA Tailgating Kick-Off is scheduled for Sunday, August 25, 2013, from 5:15 pm to 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. AWANA is for children ages 3 years to 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

UCHS football players and cheerleaders will be joining us for this event. Children and Parents, mark your calendars and make every effort to attend this exciting event!