



NEWS

DECEMBER 2018

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed [registered].

And all went to be taxed [registered], every one into his own city.

Luke 2:1, 3

The challenge of living the Christian life is both internal and external.

On the inside we all have the same battle of denying our selfishness while saying yes to Jesus' Lordship. Yielding is not something that is natural and easily done but rather a gut wrenching decision to actually say no to whatever it is that we long to do or to be. It is much easier to tell others what they ought to do than to look at myself in the mirror and say "Jack, this is what I ought to do."

Let's admit it, we all struggle with the unceasing mandate to "take up the cross and follow Christ."

Sanctification, while it is intended for our good, is seldom a thrilling adventure. Something on the inside of us all doesn't want to cooperate so that something must be conquered.

And then there is the other challenge, the one so vividly presented in the Christmas Story of Luke 2, the challenge that comes not from within but from without.

Consider the innkeeper.

For nearly 2,000 years that poor guy has been repeatedly judged, convicted and sentenced to harsh judgment all "because there was no room for them in the inn." Well, why wasn't there any room in the inn?

Luke tells us that the Roman Emperor had decided to make everyone take a break from work and travel back to their home city and there to register.

There is a touch of humor in Luke's record.

In verse one he simply says, *"there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed [registered]."*

Two verses later, he continues by simply saying, *"And all went to be taxed [registered]..."*

Brother Luke, that is "a given." Caesar, the most powerful man in the known world, made a demand of the citizens. The only option was to bear the wrath of Caesar in their failure to comply.

Everyone had to take the same time of leave from their jobs. The traffic must have been heavy!

The innkeeper's dilemma of providing enough lodging was pressed upon him by another.

So what if he caused massive inconvenience, self-serving Caesar did not care that he was imposing upon them.

And that is the nature of this world. Without asking permission or apologizing, it encroaches and invades.

Far too often our lives are invaded by the decisions and actions of another, be it family, friend, or foe.

- A fellow employee or family member is irresponsible, so it falls upon other employees/family members to take up the slack and carry his/her part.
- Being a single parent was not the idea on the day you married but your spouse has left and here you are.
- Cancer was not part of your plans but there it is like a rude and unwanted guest in your life.
- Life is all neat and tidy and suddenly there is a rumor of downsizing at work or is it just a rumor?
- Retirement has finally arrived but so too have the multiple appointments to the doctors.

The interesting thing in Luke 2 is that in the midst of the mass movement and disruption of people's lives there was the presence of God!

Sadly, few recognized Him and received Him with rejoicing. They were too busy.

May this Christmas mean more to us than any Christmas ever. In the midst of our ups and downs, shocking surprises, and unwanted intrusions, may we truly know Him who is "God with us".

Sophie and I do wish, hope and pray that all of you will truly have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

Pastor Jack

From our Associate Pastor

To me, it seems that Christmas arrives so quickly each year. I look up and we are in October and before I know it December is here. In the rush of this time of year I have seen a trend in many businesses to bring Christmas in as early as November 1st. Walking in a store the other week, (the first week of November) I found the store already decorated for Christmas, Christmas music playing through their speakers, gift ideas front and center and layaway options posted on every available space. While I love Christmas and this time of year, I must confess I was a little put out about the swiftness of their entry into the Christmas season. What about Thanksgiving, pecan pies, turkey, football games, deer hunting, etc. Seems like they were bypassing Thanksgiving for marketing Christmas. I understand what they were doing. They were getting a jump on the season and preparing for a season of increased sales.

While I do not agree with their early entry into marketing Christmas, I must say I was forced to ponder something. They hurried to enter into the presence of a commercialized Christmas that is king to them. As I pondered this I was left with a few questions: Do I hurry into the presence of Christ who is King during Christmas? Do I place everything else in its place and place Christ front and center during this time of year? Does my response to the birth of Christ prompt the same reaction as the shepherds? They ran into the presence of Christ and when they arrived, they worshiped!

¹⁵ When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

Luke 2:15-20

Praying we all will hurry into the presence of Christ and worship Him this Christmas!

-Robert



Fiscal Fitness--October 2018

<u>Contribution Deposits:</u>	Bank Deposits	Online Giving
--Undesignated Funds (General Fund):	\$ 41,432.53	\$ 1,989.00
--Designated Building Fund:	\$ 855.00	\$ -
--Missions	\$ 135.00	
--Bank Account Interest:	\$ 0.65	
Subtotals	\$ 42,423.18	\$ 1,989.00
Total Contribution Deposits:	\$	44,412.18

<u>Expenditures:</u>	
--Budgeted Line Items:	\$ 68,727.60
Total Expenditures:	\$ 68,727.60

<u>Bank Balances:</u>	
General Fund Ending Balance:	\$ 22,394.17
Building Fund Ending Balance:	\$ 96,427.88
Contingency Fund Ending Balance:	\$ 10,069.73



From Our Music Director December 2018

Come and See, Go and Tell is the Christmas musical the choir began practicing last August. The musical invites the listener to an invitation to come and see the excitement around the birth of our Savior. Then we move as the invitation is to come and behold the birth. The listener is then given the invitation to come and know the One who was born King of kings, born to bring light into the world and salvation to you and me, and the world. Then the invitation turns as we acknowledge His Lordship and have the revelation that this is Christ the Lord and we can do no other than worship Him. Once we have seen and worshipped Christ, we then are compelled to go and tell others of this Good News.

So, Lord willing, during the evening service on December 2nd, Come and See, Go and Tell will be presented. Bring friends and family.

It is such a joy to work with the choir, please let them all know how much you appreciate them for preparing to bring such a wonderful musical again this year.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving in the music ministry at TLBC.

Jim



**Neighborhood Evangelism
Sundays 3:30 to 5:00**

& Tuesdays 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Join us each Sunday during this time. We have a number of members meeting at the church to go out in the surrounding community to share the gospel. Dividing into small teams we pray and go passing out gospel tracts and church flyers giving a personal invitation to visit us at Tar Landing, encouraging them to Christ and the fellowship of believers. If you would like more information or would like to join in this, please contact either Bob Peele or Walter Whitehurst. Together serving God in Christ.



***The Lord's
Supper***

***December 23rd there will be no
Evening Service and we will
observe The Lord's Supper on
December 24th at 6:30 pm***

No Services

There will be no services
Wednesday, December 26th

Deployed Member

There are address labels for Joseph Beltran on the bulletin board by the offices. Let's encourage our deployed member by sending him a card/note while he is gone. Keep him in your prayers!

THANK YOU CARDS

We have received some thank you cards to our congregation. Please take a few moments and view them on the bulletin board.

***December Newsletter information due by
December 9th***

Please email your information to
tlbcsecretary@embarqmail.com

Trail Life USA

Regular Meetings on December 8th, 13th and on the 20th it will be the Trail Life Christmas Party
All meetings begin at 6:30 pm.

Please make all donation checks for Trail Life to Trail Life USA.
Thank You for your continuous support.

Social Committee

Bring your favorite goodies to share for our Social following our Evening Service on December 16th

Men's Fellowship

There will not be a Men's Fellowship for the month of December

Wednesday Supper

There will not be a Supper for the month of December

Welcome New Members

(By Statement)

Tony & Devyn Deel

101 Meadow Farm Rd
Richlands, NC 28574

His Birthday: May 22

Her Birthday: January 21st

Anniversary: November 15th

Phone: 479-561-0041

(By Baptism)

Shirley Webber

P. O. Box 1644

Jacksonville, NC 28541

Birthday: June 10

Phone: 910-554-8347



Wednesday Nights @ 6:30-



GOPHER BUDDIES LESSON SCHEDULE

Word of Life Quiet Time Schedule:

Week 14	Psalm 107, Ezekiel 1-3, 36	Nov 25 - Dec 1
Week 15	Ezekiel 37-44	Dec 2 - Dec 8
Week 16	Ezekiel 47, 1 Kings 1-6	Dec 9 - Dec 15
Week 17	1 Kings 11-17	Dec 16 - Dec 22
Week 18	1 Kings 18-21	Dec 23 - Dec 29
Week 19	1 Kings 22, John 9-10	Dec 30 - Jan 5

Ages 4-6

Date	Lesson Title	Lesson Description	Module Title	Module Verse
12/5	Jesus Teaches How to Pray	This lesson explains what prayer is. The children will begin to learn what to pray for.	Christian Growth: I Can Pray	Luke 18:1b--That men always ought to pray and not lose heart.
12/12	Daniel Prays to God	Children will learn that Daniel knew it was important to talk to God every day. They will also learn that God protected Daniel in the lions' den.		
12/19	Angels Announce Jesus' Birth	This lesson describes how the angels announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds. At the conclusion of this lesson, the children will name someone they can tell about Jesus' birth this Christmas.	Christmas	
12/26	*** Christmas Break--NO CLUB ***			



Grades 1-6

OLYMPIANS LESSON SCHEDULE

Date	Theme Night	Lesson Title	Lesson Description	Sticky Statement	Module Title	Verse of the Month
12/5	Crazy Socks Night	A Hero Lives In You	Children will learn through the life of a Christian hero how they can be a true hero.	God wants everyone to be a H.E.R.O.	Hero-You Could Be 1	Proverbs 12:22--Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal truthfully are His delight.
12/12	*** Christmas Craft Night ***					
12/19	Clock/Watch Night	It's About Time!	Children will understand the fulfilled prophecies that led to Jesus' birth proving God's faithfulness.	God said it, I believe it!		
12/26	*** Christmas Break--NO CLUB ***					

OLYMPIAN CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Food Pantry: Each Olympian is asked to bring non-perishable items for the food pantry.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!





Our Memory Verse for December

²¹ And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21 NKJV



- 12-02 Joyce Clark
- 12-06 Jimmy Hobbs
- 12-07 Kaitlyn DeLao
- 12-11 Nicholas Hewitt
- 12-12 Henrietta Hewitt
- 12-17 Kevin Brown
- 12-18 Vergie Crawford
- 12-21 Parker Brown
- Elizabeth Dunn
- Brook Tuohey
- 12-22 Megan Howe
- 12-23 Tina Brown
- Loretta Whitehurst
- 12-24 Crawford Morris
- Yvonne Patterson
- 12-27 Karen Flowers
- 12-29 Sharon Parker



Happy Anniversary

- 12-02 Jeff & Angie Hudson
- 12-13 Charles & Elizabeth Edwards
- Donald & Sherry Shepard
- 12-17 Jonathan & April Bryant
- 12-29 Tony & Linda Barr
- 12-31 Joe & Lavern Higgins



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(online tithing/giving now available)

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Over 2.8 billion people have little to no access to the gospel. Together, we're changing that. 100 percent of your church's gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering support IMB missionaries who are making disciples and multiplying churches among unreached peoples and places around the world.



The LMCO will be received the entire month of December.

You must use an envelope.

Write LMCO on the "Other" line and the amount given.

Make checks to TLBC

PLEASE SIGN UP

Most members are on the churches group email but there are a few of you that are not. Any cancellations or special events we are having, the members are usually notified by email. To make sure everyone is notified of these events or cancellations please go to the Welcome Center and put your name and phone number on the sign up sheet to be notified by phone. If you have any questions or would like to be put on the group email please contact the church office at 910-346-8709.

Thanks!!



Counseling Classes

On the evening of **January 23, 2019**, a series of classes will begin for any interested in learning how to bring the relevancy of the Bible into the lives of those who are hurting, discouraged, involved in sin, anxious, etc. We are encouraged by the apostle Paul to be involved in this area of discipleship (Romans 15:14).

Tom Scaife will teach the class. If you would like more information you can reach him at 770-624-6051 or tomscaife316@gmail.com.

ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP?

The nursery has a monthly coordinator that makes sure the workers are available and serves when those workers are not available. There are a few more other duties that has to be done but nothing back breaking. We have 9 wonderful ladies at this time taking a month. We need 3 more ladies that would be willing to serve. If you would be willing to help please contact Jayne Vlassis at 910-330-0868 or email her at tlbcsecretary@embarqmail.com.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

A lot has happened in our community and our church family since the arrival of hurricane Florence. We have members who suffered much damage to property with several still displaced from their homes. We have had members of Tar Landing and close relatives of our church family called home to be with the Lord. We have had members who have had varying levels of health challenges including Pastor Jack who was in the hospital on 2 occasions in as many weeks.

With all that going on in the life of our church some may not know that on October 23rd, this church passed a significant milestone in the history of Tar Landing. That day marked the 35th year our brother Jack and sister Sophie have been in service as Pastor and First Lady of Tar Landing Baptist Church. It's hard for me to express the blessings God has sent our way and continues to send through these two dear servants of His.

Another statistic within the 35 years is the fact Pastor Jack and his family have never had a vacation that was not either interrupted, shortened or otherwise changed due to his Love of Christ and commitment to this church body.

I get excited when I read scripture that promises and you can see just how that promise has been fulfilled. Such as Jeremiah 3:15 God says "*And, I will give you shepherds according to my heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding*". He gave us Pastor Jack.

One way we show our love for God is by taking care of and showing our love for those called in His service. We understand Pastor Jack is definitely a Godly man. But a man none the less with the same needs as any one of us.

In Matthew 11:28 the Lord says, "*Come, to me all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest*". Dr. Jeremiah's Bible commentary on this verse says; One of the most gracious commands in the Bible is Jesus' invitation to come (literally Come Now!) speaks to all who are oppressed, by routine, monotony, overwork responsibility and tension. Those who are heavy laden enduring something that is laid on them from an outside source, causing what we would today call burnout. Jesus' form of rest is not absence of work but rejuvenation and refreshment.

The Deacons with input from Pastor Robert, Jim and others have decided, on behalf of the congregation; to show our love for Pastor Jack and Ms. Sophie, for their 35 years of service to gift Pastor Jack the opportunity to rejuvenate and refresh. We wanted to make this announcement to the body and in the monthly newsletter so no one is confused and to calm any fears of anything being wrong or concerning.

Effective the 19th of November Pastor Jack as Tar Landings gift to him and Ms. Sophie for 35 years of service to God and this church body will be on vacation; free of any congregational responsibilities until Dec 15. Pastor Robert and the Deacons will meet the needs and responsibilities of church leadership until then.

To Pastor Jack and Ms. Sophie, from the bottom of our hearts we love you and pray your time off will be blessed by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Phil Gould

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER



- 12-2 AM:** Chris & Crawford M.
2&3's AM: Henriette H. & Denise J.
PM: No Nursery (Choir Cantata)
12-5 Wed: Susi P.

12-9 AM: Doug & Sharon R.
2&3's AM: Audrey M. & Julie M.
PM: No Nursery (Children's Play)
12-12 Wed: Rebekah V.

12-16 AM: Chris & Rhonda W.
2&3's AM: Jayne & Haley V.
PM: Ricky & Becky K.
12-19 Wed: Lisa W.

12-23 AM: Nick, Deanna & Anna F.
2&3's AM: Sharon P. & Brooke M.
PM: Raymond & Jackie H.
12-26 Wed: Annette S.

12-30 AM: Sherri & Caroline W.
PM: Alben & Elizabeth O.
01-02 Wed: Omega J.

*If you are unavailable for any dates/times, **please contact someone on the schedule and try to switch and notify this monthly coordinator Julie Mills at (910-358-5900). If you are unable to find someone to switch with, notify Julie in a timely manner so arrangements can be made.***

Children's Worship

- 12-02 Sherri & Kyung
 12-09 Stephanie & Tina
 12-16 Brian & Natalie
 12-23 Jim & Therese
 12-30 No Children Worship

Ushers

Ken B., Walter W.,
 Jay K.
Weekly Duty Deacon

Duty Deacons

- | | | |
|-------|---------------|--------------|
| 12-02 | Adron Whaley | 910-381-8299 |
| 12-09 | Hugh Hewitt | 910-455-1876 |
| 12-16 | Jay King | 910-455-3060 |
| 12-23 | Russell Jones | 910-389-4807 |
| 12-30 | Perry Parker | 910-389-2148 |

*If Deacons switch dates and want your rotation changed, please notify:
 tlbcsecretary@embarqmail.com*

Security Schedule

- 12-02 AM & PM:** Russell J., Rick M., Jim L., Perry P., Ricky K., John D., Joel A.
12-05 Wed: Joel A., Perry P.
12-09 AM & PM: Adron W., Benny B., Nick H., Steve G., Rick N., Vasco S., Tony B.
12-12 Wed: Benny B., Rick N.
12-16 AM & PM: Jeff H., Alben O., Raymond H., Derrick B., Tom S., Chris M., David H.
12-19 Wed: Raymond H., Tom S.
12-23 AM & PM: James D., Walter W., Kevin B., Carl M., Dolan O., Jay K., Josh E.
12-26 Wed: Jay K., Walter W.
12-30 AM & PM: Russell J., Rick M., Jim L., Perry P., Ricky K., John D., Joel A.

Security Camera Schedule

- 12-02 AM & PM:** Becky K. (8:45-10:20)
 Cyndi D. (10:20-12:10)
 Stephanie H. (6:15-8:00)
12-05 Wed. Sadie M. (6:30-8:15)
12-09 AM & PM: Pat B. (8:45-10:20)
 Faye N.. (10:20-12:10)
 Pat W.. (6:15-8:00)
12-12 Wed. Linda B. (6:30-8:15)
12-16 AM & PM: Sonny W. (8:45-10:20)
 Angie H. (10:20-12:10)
 Annette S. (6:30-8:00)
12-19 Wed. Pam G.(6:30-8:15)
12-23 AM & PM: Debby K. (8:45-10:20)
 Thurman R. (10:20-12:10)
 Waylon M. (6:00-8:00)
12-26 Wed: Debby K.(6:00-8:15)
12-30 AM & PM: Becky K. (8:45-10:20)
 Cyndi D. (10:20-12:10)
 Stephanie H. (6:15-8:00)

Main Welcome Center Schedule

*AM Worker - Before SS; Before & After AM Worship

*PM Worker - Before & After PM Worship

- 12-02 AM** Linda W.
PM Pat B
12-05 Wed Pat W.
12-09 AM Charlene B. /Carol S.
PM Cyndi D.
12-12 Wed Linda W.
12-16 AM Frances J.
PM Charlene B.
12-19 Wed Pat B.
12-23 AM Linda W.
PM Cyndi D.
12-26 Wed Charlene B.
12-30 AM Nancy B.
PM Bonnie A.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUNDAY 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 3:30 pm Evangelism 5:00 pm Choir Practice		WEDNESDAY 6:30 pm WOL/Youth 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study 1st & 3rd Sundays - Prayer Group 5:00 pm				1 Hebrews 6-7 Inside Out 10:00 am to 1:00 pm Youth Christmas Party 5 pm
2 Hebrews 8 Choir's Christmas Cantata	3 Hebrews 9-10	4 Hebrews 11-12	5 Hebrews 13	6 James 1-2 Evangelism 4:30 pm Trail Life 6:30 pm	7 James 3	8 James 4-5
9 I Peter 1-2 Newsletter Due Children's Christmas Play	10 I Peter 3	11 I Peter 4-5	12 II Peter 1-2	13 II Peter 3 Evangelism 4:30 pm Trial Life 6:30 pm	14 I John 1-2	15 I John 3 Inside Out 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
16 I John 4-5 Goodies Social After evening service Don't forget to bring your goodies	17 II John - III John Deacon's Christmas Dinner	18 Jude	19 Revelation 1-2	20 Revelation 3-4 Trial Life Christmas Party	21 Revelation 5	22 Revelation 6-7
23 Revelation 8 No Evening Service	24 Revelation 9-10 The Lord's Supper Service 6:30 pm	25 Revelation 11-12 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26 Revelation 13 No Services	27 Revelation 14-15	28 Revelation 16-17	29 Revelation 18
30 Revelation 19-20	31 Revelation 21-22					