

Tabernacle Times

October 2011

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!



Welcome!



Pastor Carl and Linda Bishop

We would like to invite you to join us in worship here at Words of Life. It is our desire to minister to the vast needs of families in today's fast paced world. We believe the success of the church depends on the success of the family. We have a dedicated team to minister to the needs of adults and children, as well as teens. Bring your family and join us as we experience Jesus Christ in an exciting atmosphere of worship and praise.

"The Color of Bold"

2011 Women's Conference!

Register now for the 2011 Women's Conference; *"The Color of Bold"*.

Come and be blessed as guest speakers, Linda Bishop and Sally Jones, minister and teach you what it means to be bold in the Lord. There will be special music at each session. The conference starts Friday evening, October 14th at 7:00 pm (registration opens at 6:00 pm) and continues Saturday morning, October 15th with breakfast from 9:00 – 10:00 am and the session starting at 10:00. Come and invite your lady friends and be transformed into a bold disciple for the Lord.

Register on-line at www.wolt.org or registration forms and more information on the table in the foyer.

"So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my Helper; I will not fear what man shall do unto me?"
Hebrews 13:6

Outreach Ministries

Here at Words of Life we have numerous ministries established to meet the needs of our church family and the community.

Street Ministry - being a light to those who are experiencing unfortunate circumstances and need some guidance and a caring hand.

Urgent needs: gently-used sleeping bags, blankets, hats, scarves, gloves for women, men and children. Also need toothpaste and tooth brushes, deodorant, mouthwash, soap (wrapped), wash cloths, small hand towels, tents, tarps and especially funds for food. Place items in the red box in the intercessory prayer room. Please see a list of additional items needed for this ministry and contact information on the foyer table.

The Least of These Ministries - devoted to offering assistance to those who need help with physical needs such as fuel oil or making sure the electric bill is paid. If you are in need of assistance, please contact Scott Graham. Please mark donation envelopes "Least of these ministries".

Drug Rehab Outreach - travels every Sundays to minister and give hope to those in rehabilitation. Please see Greg Pippin for more information.

Nursing Home Ministry - focuses on touching the hearts of the elderly and bringing joy to their lives.

Upcoming Events

Home Coming

Sunday, October 2nd after morning service.
Everyone is welcomed!

Ladies Meeting

All Ladies Welcomed to Attend!
Tuesday, October 4th – 7:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Bible Study

"The Invisible War"

Tuesdays – 7:00 pm
Every Tuesday - except 1st Tuesday
of each month. Everyone is welcome.

Women's Conference

The Color of Bold

October 14th, 7:00 pm (registration 6:00 pm)
October 15th, 10:00 am (9:00 am breakfast)
Registration forms in foyer or online at wolt.org

Library is Open!

WOLT library is opened Sundays from 5:00 - 5:45 and 20 minutes after each service.

Come visit and check out books, DVDs, CDs, bibles and other inspirational materials. **Requests forms for CD or DVD of services have been moved to the Library.** Please see Rick and Darlene Robinson for more information.

Please return borrowed library items in a timely manner. If you have items out over 6 months, please return so others can enjoy them.

Birthday Blessings

Happy Birthday Pastor Carl
October 11

Outreach Ministries continued....

Blue Ridge Retirement "Restoration" Center - ministers every Friday evening to those struggling with sickness and loneliness. There is a **need for guest speakers, singers and musicians.** Please see Joe and Victoria Adams for more information or if you would like to help.

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" Ecclesiastes 3:1

Services

Sunday

Sunday School	9:45 am
<i>(Classes for all ages)</i>	
Preaching	11:00 am
Children's Church	11:00 am
Preaching	6:00 pm

Wednesday

Preaching	7:00 pm
Youth (7 th grade & up)	7:00 pm
Children's Church	7:00 pm
<i>(Pre-k to 6th grade)</i>	

Nursery is available for ages 2 and under.

Ministers

Carl Bishop, *Pastor*
Greg Pippin, *Outreach Pastor*
Scott Graham, *Youth Pastor*
Gerald Wilkie, *Evangelist*

October Elders

Dan and Dolly Wright

Home: 684-7387

Elders are available to offer prayer and spiritual guidance, as well as assist with any need that arises.

Inspirations

I Know

*I know that someone loves me,
I know that someone cares.*

*When I am heavy laden,
my burden he gladly bears.*

*I know He came from God above,
to wash away my sins.*

*So I'll gladly open up my heart,
and let the blessed Savior in.*

Rick Robison

Testimony

I am an eighty-five year old widow living for and loving the Lord Jesus Christ. I have been in church all of my life. I had wonderful parents that taught me by example who took me to church regularly. I wasn't always an obedient child; and I remember that I got lots of whippings from my Mom. Daddy would always give me "talkings" which hurt worse than the whippings. I never heard my Mom and Daddy fuss. Mom would start fussin at Daddy; but he would say "aw Mom" and start whistling and walk out of the room. That was the end of that. Before I got married Daddy told me, "Remember Pauline that it takes two to have a fuss." I've always tried to live by that. I made lots of professions and thought at times I was saved. I was in church a lot and went to the altar almost every revival. I sang in a trio and went to different churches to sing, but there was an emptiness in my heart. One night I was really under conviction and couldn't wait for the altar call. That night I really got saved. I've failed God many times and have made lots of mistakes since then, and I've not pleased Him all the time, but my heart's desire is to please my Savior.

I didn't know anything about the Holy Ghost then. But I had two precious lady friends that I thought were the happiest people I had ever known. They just had something that I wanted. I didn't know or understand what that something was; they were the first ones that I knew that had the baptism of the Holy Ghost. It was years later when the Holy Ghost was preached at Words of Life that I began to really desire and to want the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I'll never forget that night in Preacher Carl's tent that I received the baptism and I've never been the same since.

God has blessed me all my life, and He has healed me so many times. I want to mention a couple. In 1998, I had a bad car wreck. I pulled out onto 191 in front of a pick-up truck that I didn't see. It hit me on the driver's side. The car was totaled, but God spared me for a reason. I do believe in angels because God sent one to take care of me. He stood in the same place in my room watching over me for the first several days.

One day the heart doctor told me that in about three months I would have to have open heart surgery because he had found a hole in my heart. After I came home from the hospital I kept thinking about needing this surgery. I knew the same God that took care of me in the wreck could heal my heart. I remembered the scripture and called for the elders of the church to come and pray for me. That Sunday the men's Sunday school class came and prayed for me. I knew that God had healed me that morning. A while later I went back to the heart doctor. After they did some tests there in the office, the doctor said "Well, if you had had a hole in your heart it is so small I can't even see it." Praise God! He is my healer.

I was married to a good man, a good husband and father. The neighbors thought he was a Christian; but being a good person is not enough. It takes the blood of Jesus being applied to our heart. After years of praying, one night God answered our prayers. God gave him a wake-up call in a vision. He showed him that he had to make it right that night. He woke me up around 2:00 am and told me that God had just saved his soul and that it was so wonderful. He was so happy; and a brand new creature. It was like being married to a different man. He even looked different. He went to church the next two Sundays with me and the children. Our children sang for him that first Sunday and he was so proud of them. He lived only 39 days after he got saved. God was so good to let him enjoy church with his family those two weeks. We had been married 47 years.

God has put it into my heart to pray for the sick, the hurting, and the lonely people. I can't always go to them (except at church) but I can pray at home for them.

I want to be all I can be for the Lord. He has blessed me so much and has given me a beautiful family: children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. And I know I have the best church family and the very best pastor in the entire world. I love all of you.

Polly Ballinger

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