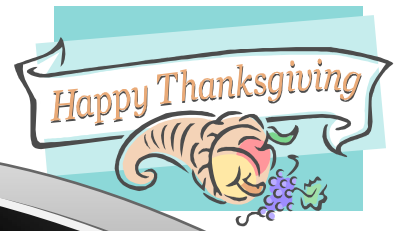


# Tabernacle Times

November 2011



## 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.

## CHRISTMAS PROJECT

We are blessed this year to be able to minister to the lovely people at the Blue Ridge Retirement Center. This group of individuals are mixed in ages. Some are younger, some are older but all have needs. On December 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be providing a meal, music and fellowship, as well as a gift bag for each resident. If you would like to sponsor a resident and purchase the items for their gift bag, please see Sister Linda Bishop to obtain a resident's name and gift suggestions. Remember you can always partner up with someone to do this or you can just make a monetary donation for someone to purchase the items for the bags. Bags will need to be turned in by Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Also, if you would like to participate in serving the meal please let Sister Linda Bishop know. A group of servers will be leaving the church at 4:30 pm on December 2<sup>nd</sup> to travel to the Blue Ridge Retirement Center. If you volunteered to cook something, please have your food at the church no later than 4:30 pm so it can travel with our servers. Also, if you would like to go a little early to help get things set-up see Sister Linda Bishop. If you would like to participate in the music festivities, please see Brother Ron Anderson. Thank you for your participation to make this an awesome blessing for the folks at the Blue Ridge "Restoration" Center.

## Upcoming Events

### Ladies Meeting

All ladies welcomed to attend!  
Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall

### Bible Study

Postponed until further notice.

### 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.*

### November 23rd

No Wednesday Night Service

### Ladies Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Every lady is encouraged to attend. Flyers with further details will be in the foyer soon.

### Church Christmas Supper

Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. "Covered Dish". Awesome time of fellowship. Please bring a meat, one vegetable, bread, dessert and drink.

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

## November Elders

Butch and Kerrie Stepp

Home: 687-1646

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

## Special Projects

This month's special project is the "Heat Project". Donations to this fund will help individuals in need this winter with heating bills. If you would like to donate to this project, please place offering in envelope and mark "Heat Ministry".

## 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. Many individuals committed to giving \$2.00 per week to this ministry. Please place money in "house" located inside the sanctuary. The donations will be used to purchase urgent needs such as, food and necessity items for homeless men, women, and children. If you would like to contribute please see Sisters Gail, Tami and Diane.

**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 gets paid. Please mark donation envelopes "Least of these ministries". See Brother Scott Graham for further information.

**Drug Rehab Outreach** - travels several Sundays a month 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. Please see Linda Meece for more information.

**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.

## Inspirations

### Installation vs. Adjustments

Our house was built in 1962. I have always loved improvements, especially new ideas. I decided in the 1980's we needed new kitchen cabinets to go with the new knocked-out walls and a new hardwood floor that was needed to cover up the place where the walls used to be.

We learned in this process that the house, in that 20 something years, had settled several inches (actually, it was headed south!). I do not know a lot about building, but I am smart enough to know if a cabinet is not level, you might have a hard time keeping anything inside or the doors closed.

Therefore, we needed someone that not only installed, but also could make the proper adjustments. That someone was our Pastor Carl, (just so you will know, fine job!).

You might wonder why I am using this story as an inspiration piece. Well, the installer and adjuster in my life is Jesus Christ. When He saved me, He installed everything I will ever need. However, quite often I still need a little adjusting!

It seems we all have a tendency to head south.

*by Pat Pippin*

## Testimony

I was around two years old when I would cling to my mother's neck, while she worked as seamstress. Holding on to her neck, I would sniff empty cigarette packs and cigarette butts. Now, some sixty years later, I look back, and understand that I was planting a seed that would manifest, smoking three packs of cigarettes a day. Once addicted, I smoked for twenty-five years and the last ten years I tried every conceivable thing I could think, imagine, or try, to quit. I felt nasty, smelled like a smoke stack, and had developed hackers cough. I must have quit a thousand times, only to pick them up a week, day or hour later. But, thanks to God, He spoke to me one day in April, 1992 and told me to "give your cigarette money away". Five months I confessed that I was going to quit smoking by saying, "come August 25th when I leave for vacation, I will be free of smoking". Guess what? I took God at his promise, exercised my faith and spoke deliverance into existence. By the way, I did give my cigarette money away. Well, only thirty dollars, but look what I got in return... deliverance, Hallelujah!

In 1999, I was diagnosed with COPD and emphysema. I had noticed in the winter of 1998 that I was getting continually short of breath. I made an appointment at a pulmonary clinic in Hendersonville, and started physical therapy. The great thing about my doctor there is, he's a born again, prayer believing, physician. From the very first visit, he has taken the time to have prayer with me no matter how busy his office may be. Wouldn't it be great if all doctors would take time put God first before medicine? Early January 1999, my therapy visit ended with me being admitted to the hospital. My diagnosis showed I needed a lung transplant. Early May of 1999, I made a visit to Duke University and was informed that they could only perform a lung reduction that would extend my life maybe two years.

After consulting with my insurance coordinator, I was given several hospital facilities that could possibly perform a lung transplant. By June of 1999, I was accepted for a lung transplant by the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics of Madison, Wisconsin.

By the second Sunday of September 1999, I received a call that a lung had been found. Within a few hours, a medical jet arrived at the Asheville airport to pick me and my wife, Shawnee up. Praise God, we were on our way.

Three hours later, we arrived at the airport in Madison, Wisconsin. I was rushed to the hospital by ambulance, prepped for surgery only to have the doctor come in the room around midnight to tell me that he would not be able to perform the surgery due to the fact that he had to use the lung to save another person's life. Due to high blood pressure, along with other complications the doctor would not allow me to return to North Carolina, so we had to find accommodations in Madison. God is so good! Every step and decision we had to make, gave us assurance God was in control and leading us throughout this adventure. Even though our trust and confidence was in the Lord, Satan still fought to disrupt God's plan. Every time he would stick up his ugly head to cause havoc, God always intervened. We received reports that prayer was constantly being offered throughout several states as far away as California for my healing and safe return home.

A second call came a month later. A lung had been located in Rockford, Illinois. However, that lung was torn upon harvesting. The third and final call came on Monday, November 15, 1999, around 4pm in the afternoon. By 7 pm, I was admitted, prepped and ready for surgery. At 9:15pm, I was rolled down to the operating room. Everything was a go. By 7:30 am Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1999 God had blessed me with not only one lung as planned, but with two lungs.

Even though I was expecting a supernatural healing, God had other plans for me. He allowed me to minister to other patients at the hospital and even the nurses. One nurse in particular, came into my room one morning, as I was reading my bible. She asked me what I was reading so that opened the door for me to tell her about the Lord. She quickly let me know she did not believe in God. Every chance I got, I would share God's word with her. She really wanted to meet this doctor friend; however, things were not working out. Before I left, she allowed me to pray with her. About 6 months after returning home, I received a card from her explaining that she had found "that" doctor, of her dreams. Also, she had received the Lord as her Savior, attending church and was planning to get married.

Every detail fell in place at God's timing. Not only for me but others also. He was with me, my wife and family every step of the way. He provided every need and beyond. I have been so blessed with this lung transplant. God has allowed me to develop a singing ministry along with a testimony to share the good news of deliverance, salvation and love.

This November 15, 2011, I will be celebrating 12 years since my transplant. God is not through with me yet. In the last several months, I have had setbacks in other areas, but God is faithful! He is restoring my body, and taking my ministry to a new level. As my wife and I stay committed and faithful, God has shown me that many lives will be changed for His glory. I feel so honored to have the opportunity to share how good God is, and how He will take someone lost and sinful like myself, and change me to be a servant of the Most High. I give Him all the Glory and Praise.

# *I am thankful for...*

Responses are from children, teens and adults in our church family. Enjoy!

## Preschool:

Thankful for Mom and Dad and Tood	Name
Mommy and Daddy	Harley
Matthew and Jess	Colton
My Mommy and Daddy and Bailee	Bryson
Kierson	Easton
Mommy & Daddy	Bailee
Mommy & Daddy & Sister	Amon
Mommy & Daddy & my brothers	Adrian
My Brother	Journey
My Mommy & Daddy	Kiersen
My Mommy & Daddy	Logan
	Sarah

## Elementary Children:

"The great abilities that God gave me, like softball, and that I have a lot of friends!"... Sarah Graham  
"My dog, Summer!"... Conard  
"God, family, friends, food, shelter, clothes, freedom, money, warmth, Pastor, EVERYTHING" ... Kassidi Wilkie  
"Chiran and everything else"... Laney Simpson  
"My friends, family and Jesus. He is the light of the world"... Sydney Kent  
"Family & food"  
"God's amazing grace and mercy, His Power of Salvation, deliverance, and healing"  
"Love of Jesus"  
"Too many to count! My health, my family, my faith in God, my church, something to eat"

## Teens:

Family, friends, technology, food, air, H2O, my smartness  
My family and stuff and technology... Junior Orr  
Family & cookies & friends. I really love cookies!... Heather Prater  
Friends and family and my best cookies ever ... Daniel Roberson  
God's mercy, my family, salvation, the ability to go to school, and my musical talents... Jackson Hunter  
Keeping my life on track and blessing me with gift of music... Will Michaels  
That my little brother, Kody, is still alive & for my BFF/Sister Brianna Orr ... Katelyn R.  
Having an awesome family and a home and my best friend Kateyln... Brianna Orr  
Technology, family, a shelter, my dog... Cody Jackson  
Cookies, friends, Hannah, family, my hair, jackets... Dillon  
God giving me a second chance and my family and friends

## Church Family:

"Most of all for salvation, for a loving family & all of God's blessings" ... Mabel Cutshall  
"I'm thankful for the grace & mercy of God. Man's grace & mercy will only hold up until you disappoint them But God's will endure forever and ever"  
"Being a child of God and being happy living for Jesus"... Wilson  
"A wonderful family and for a God that is real who loved me enough to die for me"  
"The family God has blessed me with"  
"GRACE! That Jesus loved me when I was unlovable. My beautiful, awesome kids Dylan & Sarah, My amazing husband, Jonathan, and my family" ... Serena Graham  
"His love and work in me, looking upon me with love and mercifulness in my troubles & anguish. Touching me, giving me a new understanding, beautifying me with salvation. Blessing me abundantly with things known and unknown, although I was unworthy"... Cathy Pittillo  
"Friends and family"... John Little  
"Jesus Christ most of all, His mercy & grace that has kept me, so many years - I'm thankful for the church I attend, for my Pastor and God's Holy Spirit in my life, also my church family" ... Maxine Hyatt  
"The delivering power of God, Salvation and Restoration. The love He showed to me"... Gerald  
"Family, church family, friends, coworkers, good health"  
"God's healing of my legs and feet from going numb without needing therapy"  
"My three healthy babies! My church Family. My husband's beautiful hair"... Christian Lee  
"Jesus most of all, my church and church family, my family"  
"Church family and our preacher!!! I'm glad to have a preacher that preaches the truth no matter who it may offend" ... Diane Dicus  
"The wonderful work the Lord IS doing in my children"... Pamela Rogers  
"I am healthy, my children are all saved and I can still move on my own"  
"I am thankful for what God had done for me and my church family and for Pastor Carl and all the other Pastors"... Diane Baker  
"I am thankful I am a born again Christian, for my church, my health, and seeing my 84<sup>th</sup> birthday"... Virginia Waycaster  
"The people the Lord has brought into my life to teach me how to live victoriously even in the midst of turmoil. My spiritual parents, my Sunday school teacher, my pastor, my sister's in Christ, Celebrate Recovery, Truth Ministry, and most of ALL my Relationship-MY personal relationship with Jesus Christ, my Lord, my Savior and my Daddy God!" ... Carrie LeMaster  
"I am thankful that I am a child of God and that I know Jesus and the Truth has set me FREE!" ... Julia Murphy

