

# Tabernacle Times

## Welcome

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!

## Start at the Finish!

As Jesus was dying on the cross, his last words were, "It is finished" (John 19:30 KJV). What did Jesus mean by these words? What was finished? Was it the finish of His pain and suffering on the cross? Was it the finish of His earthly life or the end of His separation from His Father in heaven? Or was it more than this?

Scripture tells us "finished" meant so much more! His horrific death led to our freedom! God's perfect plan, which was foretold throughout the ages in the Old Testament, was now complete. Jesus finished what he was sent to do. He left heaven and came to die for our sins so that we can be free. He took all the sin of the world upon himself and conquered sin and Satan's stronghold on mankind (Hebrew 2:14).

Jesus came to repair man's relationship with God; just as when God walked with Adam in the garden before sin entered the world (Romans 5:12). Because God cannot look on sin, Jesus made the way (John 14:6). Jesus was the perfect sacrificial lamb that was pleasing and acceptable to God (Colossians 1:19-20). He was the atonement for our sin (Romans 3:25). No one else could have done this since we all sin and fall short (Romans 3:23). When the veil was torn in the temple a door was open for us to now have a relationship and walk with God again. The old covenant ended and a new covenant began (read Hebrews).

When Jesus said it is finished, He opened the door for our new life to begin in Jesus. We can have a new life! When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we are forgiven and become a new creature in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). He empowers us with His Holy Spirit to overcome and live victorious! Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (Acts 2:21). God has given us eternal life...He who has the Son (Jesus) has life (1 John 5:11-12).

His gift is for all. Your new life can begin today! Will you start your walk with Him today by accepting what He finished at Calvary?



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### Ministers

Carl Bishop, *Pastor*  
 Greg Pippin, *Outreach Pastor*  
 Jon & Serena Graham, *Youth Pastors*  
 Josh & Katrina Graham, *Youth Pastors*  
 Gerald Wilkie, *Evangelist*  
 Scott Graham, *Evangelist*

### Services

#### Sunday

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

#### Wednesday

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

*Nursery is available for ages 2 and under*

### Board Members

**Chairman of Board/Church Ministry**  
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### Outreach Ministries

Here at Words of Life we have numerous ministries established to meet the needs of our church family and the community. If you are interested in being a part of a ministry please contact the person listed below.

**Street Ministry** - being a light to those who are experiencing unfortunate circumstances and need some guidance and a caring hand. Please see Sister Gail or Sister Sarah for more information.

**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". Please see Brother Scott Graham, Brother Ronnie Anderson or Pastor Carl Bishop for more information.

**Drug Rehab Outreach** - travels several Sundays a month to minister and give hope to those in rehabilitation. Please see Brother Greg Pippin for more information.

**Blue Ridge Retirement "Restoration" Center** - ministers every Friday evening to those struggling with sickness and loneliness. Please see Brother Joe and Sister Victoria Adams for more information.

**Nursing Home Ministry** - focuses on touching the hearts of the elderly and bringing joy to their lives. Please see Sister Serena Graham for more information if you are interested in visiting the first Monday of each month.

**Intercessory Prayer** - Pray warriors are needed to pray for our nation, pastors, ministries, and congregation. If you are interested in being a part please see Pat Pippin.

### Sunday School Series

#### Adult Sunday School Series "Relentless" by John Bevere

Sundays 9:45 am  
 Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend.



### Fellowship Building

For information on reserving the fellowship building contact:  
 Shawnee Davis 777-4738

### Newsletter Contact

For newsletter submissions please contact:  
 Julia Kirschman at [julia.kirschman@gmail.com](mailto:julia.kirschman@gmail.com)

### April Elders

Wilson & Niece Bishop  
 His cell: 691-1572  
 Home: 684-2739

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



## April Events

### Easter Services

**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 am - sunrise service  
11:00 am & 6:00 pm

Breakfast will be served after sunrise service.

### Nursing Home Visit

**Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Leaving church at 6:30 PM**

Please see Sisters Katrina or Serena Graham for more information.

### Ladies' Meeting

**Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7:00 PM**

All Ladies are welcome to come!

A devotion, planning meeting and refreshments will be served.

### Men's Dinner

**Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM**

All men are welcome to come and fellowship with the men from Avery's Creek United Methodist Church. Share and hear encouraging testimonies!

### Youth Home Bible Study

**Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM**

Please contact Josh & Katrina Graham for more information.

### Youth Bake Sale

**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

The youth will sell homemade bake goods after morning service to raise money for camp. Please support the youth!

### Love Serves

**Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-9:30 PM**

If you are already committed to a ministry or desire to know more about ministry, you'll want to attend.

Please contact Brother Joe Adams for more information.

### Single's Night Out

**Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> -7:00 PM**

Bowling at Tarheel Lanes

\$8.75 for 2 games + shoe rental

All singles 18 years old to 118 years old are welcome to join WOLT and Anointed Word International Church singles for an evening of fellowship and fun! Sign-up sheet is on table in foyer.

## Upcoming Events

### New Directory with pictures!

Sister Barbara will be contacting everyone to schedule appointments for directory pictures this month.

## Youth

### Leis of Love

The WOLT teens will be selling Hawaiian Silk Flower Leis for Mother's Day this year. Traditionally, the lei is given to honor a person as a sign of affection, love, appreciation, or friendship. The leis will be assorted colors, and will be \$1 each. White ones will be available as well in memory of departed loved ones. Mother's Day is May 12, but we are taking orders now. Please see Serena or Katrina Graham and order your Lei Bouquet today!

### Auction Items Still Needed

such as handmade crafts, quilts, artwork, etc. for the upcoming Youth Auction & Dinner in May.

## Love Serves Box

The "Love Serves" box, located at the front of the sanctuary, is for special offerings for all outreach ministries as needed.

Please place donations for ministries in this box.

*Thank you for supporting the Ministries!*

## Bible Trivia

### What two men asked Pilate for Jesus' body and buried him?

Answer to March's Trivia:

#### What verse is in the center of the bible?

According to the Prayer Foundation there is not a center verse in the bible. The urban legend going around the internet that Psalm 118 is the center chapter is not true. There are even numbers of chapters in the bible (KJV) before Psalm 117 and after Psalm 117. Psalm 117 is the shortest chapter of the bible with only two verses, so therefore there is not a center verse.

A little more trivia...Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the bible.

Let's make Jesus the center of our life!

## Testimony

I was saved at 13, but could not go to church regularly, because we moved every few months. I graduated from high school at age 17 in Phoenix, Arizona. I was thrilled to be flying after graduation to Denver, Colorado to see my older sister. My plans were that after visiting my sister, I intended to enlist in the Air Force, because that was where my older brother was.

After 2 days in Denver, I went swimming with my sister. I dove into the pool, hitting nothing but the water.

But when I surfaced, I was unable to talk or move. My sister called 911 and I was taken by ambulance to the hospital. At the hospital I was given iodine to drink so that the tests to follow could hopefully find the problem.

The tests revealed that I had a massive stroke. I was then put into a freezing unit, laying on one freezer pad and another one on top of me. I was kept asleep most of the time. After a week of this, I was moved to a room, where I finally saw my parents and sister. I was unable to talk or move anything on my right side. I started to blame God for what had happened. All that I wanted to do was to join the Air Force and later become an actress and now it was gone. I asked God, "Why, Why did you do this to me? You said you would give me whatever I wanted and now all that is gone". After I was let out of the hospital, and my parents took me to Florida, I began to realize that this was not God's doing but Satan. My parents could not afford for me to go to rehab, so I started exercising at home on my own, picking up cans, light weights, etc. Before the stroke I was right handed, but after, I had to learn to do everything with my left hand, as well as having to learn again to talk.

Time passed and we moved back to Phoenix where I went to Durham Business College and tried to learn accounting. It was there I met Rick. After a couple of weeks, I felt God leading me to marry him. After 3 weeks of going together, we were married. When Rick and I married, He was Jewish, and I became Jewish so that I could change him. He soon became a born again Christian. We joined a Baptist church and became active. We have had a good, God centered life for over 43 years now.

Rick was forced to retire in May 2009 because of physical problems and I had to retire to take care of him, as he could not get dressed, feed himself, take a bath or use the toilet without help. At the end of May, we came up here to be with family so he could have help when he needed it. After seeing a neurosurgeon, Rick was told that without surgery on his neck, he would be paralyzed within 3 months. After surgery, Rick was told he would not get any worse, but he also would never get any better. But God had a better plan, and Rick has regained most of his strength and God has been helping all of us all our lives.

Praise Jesus to the fullest!

Darlene Robinson

## Inspiration

*Be Bold*

*Let not the doctrine*

*Of man oppress you*

*Gifts we have been promised*

*Have been ridiculed*

*Until we ourselves*

*Think they are not for us*

*Be Bold*

*Rise up and cast down*

*Thoughts that hinder and impede*

*Break free from unseen hands*

*That push you down*

*Fear not, doubt not*

*Harken to His Word*

*Be Bold*

*Know that He is in you*

*The Holy Ghost gives us power*

*Do wondrous things to*

*Glorify His name*

*Live fearlessly*

*According to His Word*

*Be bold among His people*

*Be bold amount the world*

*Be bold and marvel*

*At miracles that occur*

*Be Bold and stand firm*

*For we are Peter and Paul*

*Waver not in faith nor boldness*

*Trust only in the Lord*

*Witness to the end and*

*Expect the wonders to come*

*"And when they had prayed, the place*

*Was shaken where they were*

*Assembled together; and they were*

*All filled with the Holy Ghost, and*

*Spake the Word of God with boldness"*

*-Acts 4:31*

*by Rachel Nicole Rose Gray*