

# 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.

## True Worship



Christmas and Easter are the two most important celebrations we have as Christians; the birth and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Sadly, these may be the only two occasions that the name of Jesus is spoken of in a positive tone by the world and even nominal Christians. During these two celebrations the subject of worship comes up a lot, especially at Christmas. We reread the announcement to Mary by the angel of the birth of Jesus; and Mary's submission in worship to the will of God. How Elizabeth's worship and prophecy poured forth at Mary's announcement of this news. Even the unborn John the Baptist still in Elizabeth's womb, leapt and worshiped at the news! In Luke 2, the shepherds in the field stood in fear and awe at the Angels announcement and the Angelic Host singing, "**Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace good will to men**". And the wise men in Matt. 2:2, searched the skies and traveled long and hard with gifts worthy of the king, just to bow down and worship the young Child. These accounts seem to cement the idea that we as humans are and have always been visual creatures. As Christian searchers and followers of Jesus today, how do we worship our King? It seems we make it up as we go! We have colored twinkling lights to remind us of the stars the shepherds saw; a star on the tree to remind us of the star that the wise men followed, and the giving of gifts that should remind us that Jesus is the greatest gift of all. As for all this,

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### 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 chairperson listed.

**Street Ministry** - being a light to those who are experiencing Unfortunate circumstances and need some guidance and a caring hand. Please see Sister Gail 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 every Sunday each 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.

**Intercessory Prayer** - Pray warriors meet Sunday evening at 5:00 to pray for our nation, pastors, ministries, and congregation. If you are interested in being a part of the intercessory pray group please see Sister Pat Pippin.

*Additional Ministries*      *Chairperson*

<b>Ministers</b>	Carl Bishop
<b>Board of Directors</b>	Ronnie Anderson
<b>Finance</b>	Kim Wilkie
<b>Music Ministry</b>	Richard Cole
<b>Adult Sunday School</b>	Pat Pippin
<b>Children's Ministry</b>	Linda Bishop
<b>Youth Ministry</b>	Jon & Serena, Josh & Katrina Graham
<b>Nursery Ministry</b>	Niki Bishop
<b>Greeter</b>	Wilson Bishop
<b>Bus Ministry</b>	Matt Gibson
<b>Bereavement</b>	Maggie Buchanan
<b>Elders</b>	Wilson Bishop
<b>Audio/Video/Website</b>	Paul Jackson
<b>Ladies Meeting</b>	Janice Anderson
<b>Cleaning</b>	Danny & Darlene Burnett
<b>Newsletter</b>	Julia Kirschman
<b>Public Announcements</b>	Ron Davis

**Fellowship Building Reservations** Shawnee Davis 777-4738

### Board Members

Board members are assigned to a specific area of the church operations and oversee the funding and operation of these areas.

<b>Chairman of Board/Church Ministry</b>	Ronnie Anderson 828-551-0329
<b>Elders</b>	Richard Cole 828-273-7008
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<b>Youth</b>	Donald Bishop 828-273-4551
<b>Traffic</b>	Denton Ayers 828-329-4987

### 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

<b>Sunday</b>	
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
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Preaching	7:00 PM
Youth	7:00 PM
<i>(7<sup>th</sup> grade &amp; up)</i>	
Children's Church	7:00 PM
<i>(Pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup> grade)</i>	

**Nursery is available for ages 2 and under**

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

## December Events

### Ladies Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7:00

All Ladies are welcome to come to this fun-filled evening and fellowship with your sisters in Christ!

Please bring either a dessert or appetizer.

Also bring a **wrapped** "Pamper Product" for the gift exchange. Please see Sisters Janice, Niki or Linda Bishop for more information.

### Restoration Christmas Party

Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> - 5:30

Everyone is welcome to come and show the love of Jesus to the residents.

All gifts must be delivered to WOLT by Sunday, December 1st.

Please delivered food to WOLT by 3:30, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Please see Brother Joe and Sister Victoria Adams for more details.

### WOLT Christmas Dinner

Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> - 6:00

Everyone is welcome!

Please just bring yourselves and have fun!

### Love Serves

Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 - 9:30 PM

Love Serves meets on Thursday evening.

For more information contact Brother Joe Adams

### Food Pantry

Every Saturday, 9:00 AM -12:00 PM

At Avery's Creek United Methodist Church

Please contact Sister Gail for more information.

### No Evening Service

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> - 7:00

### Watch Night Service

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> - 8:00 PM

Come and bring in the new year with special music, powerful preaching and prayer!

### No Evening Service

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> - 7:00

## Sunday School Series

### Adult Sunday School Series

"Relentless" by John Bevere

Sundays 9:45 am

### Children Sunday School

Sundays 9:45 am

ages 3 thru teens

## Inspiration

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" was written by Charles Wesley (brother of John Wesley) in 1739. Charles original tune was very slow and solemn. Later in 1840 the tune for this song was taken from a song by Mendelssohn.

Hark the herald angels sing

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"Glory to the newborn King!

Peace on earth and mercy mild

God and sinners reconciled"

Joyful, all ye nations rise

Join the triumph of the skies

With the angelic host proclaim:

"Christ is born in Bethlehem"

Hark! The herald angels sing

"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ by highest heav'n adored

Christ the everlasting Lord!

Late in time behold Him come

Offspring of a Virgin's womb

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see

Hail the incarnate Deity

Pleased as man with man to dwell

Jesus, our Emmanuel

Hark! The herald angels sing

"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Son of Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings

Ris'n with healing in His wings

Mild He lays His glory by

Born that man no more may die

Born to raise the sons of earth

Born to give them second birth

Hark! The herald angels sing

"Glory to the newborn King!"

## Testimony

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I have it too, and more. A small nativity stable with Jesus in a small manger surrounded by Mary, Joseph, one remaining shepherd, three wise men (one with his head glued on), and a music box on the side that plays, "Silent Night". A live tree with lights to remind me that I'm still alive and well! Oh yes, and a wreath on the front door. This is the extent of my visuals.

But, as a Christian I ask myself, is it not time to take the song from the angels, the starts from the sky, Jesus from the manger and **REALLY** sing and worship HIM with all our hearts? After all, worship is a heart thing. IT'S AN INSIDE JOB! Jesus said in Matt 2:2, **Out of the abundance of the heart speaks**. James 1:27 (amp), tells us, **"External religious (true) worship {religion as it is expressed in outward acts} that is pure and unblemished in the sight of God the Father is this: to visit and help and care for the orphans and widows in their affliction and need, and to keep oneself unspotted and uncontaminated from the world".**

My conclusion is this; **True heart worship is always accompanied with true lifestyle worship. It's who we are, not what we do! So I ask myself this question, if the only Jesus the world ever sees is the one that walks in my shoes will they ever really see Jesus?**

**What an awesome responsibility!!!**

*By Sister Pat Pippin*

## Street Ministry

**Please help the Street Ministry by donating money or items to help make "Blessing Bags" for the homeless. "Blessing Bags" are ziploc bags that contain crucial items for homeless. Please see Sister Barbara or Sister Kerrie for a list of items that are needed.**

## Bible Trivia

December Trivia:

Was Mary's fiance a descendant of King David?

Answer to November's Trivia:

Was Jude one of Jesus' brothers? Yes

## December Elders

**Wilson & Niece Bishop**

**Home: 684-2739**

**His Cell: 691-1572**

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

## Food Pantry Ministry

The new Food Pantry Ministry is helping people in our community. It is exciting to see how God is working through dedicated workers to fulfill a vision of local Churches working together to feed the hungry in our community.

The food pantry is located at Avery's Creek United Methodist Church at the corner of Glenn Bridge SE and Brevard Road in Arden, NC. It is open from 9:00-12:00 on Saturdays.

As with every ministry your help is needed!

## There is a crucial need for Peanut Butter, Soup and cereal

Other food donations needed include: **Juice (cans/bottles), Pasta (boxes/cans), Soups (all types), Pasta Sauce (jars/cans), Vegetables (all types), Mac & Cheese (boxes), Tuna Fish, Cereal/Instant Grits & Oatmeal, and miscellaneous items: Tooth paste, Tooth brushes, deodorant, dish detergent, laundry detergent, toilet paper, and paper towels.**

Please place your food donations in the food box in the fellowship building. **Volunteers are needed** to run the food pantry by working one Saturday each month. Please see Sister Gail Shelton if you are interested in helping.