Happy New Year! 2017 was a great year at Tabernacle Baptist Church, and I am more than confident that 2018 will be even better. As we begin the New Year, I am sure that you have made resolutions for yourself and predictions for us all as you anticipate what the future holds in 2018. A word of caution is in order as we look ahead at new beginnings. Often times, you may set lofty goals or predict indeterminable events that may lead to disappointment if those resolutions and predictions are not tempered with the proper perspective. Let me ask you a question as you make resolutions: whose power are you harnessing?

William Ernest Henly wrote the mantra for contemporary culture in his poem “Invictus” with a chilling conclusion: “I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul.” The human condition is marked by a struggle for power. World Religions and cultic practices are predicated on the pursuit of personal power. Many of the most heinous crimes that human beings afflict upon one another are the result of demonstrating one’s power over one another. Our sin struggles and desire for instant gratification are a result of a ravenous pursuit of power. As my friend Jim Denison recently wrote about this obsession with controlling our own destiny, “Our great temptation is to make God less than He is so we can be more than we are.”

As we begin this New Year, I want to not only remind you about who you are but whose you are. As a believer and follower of Jesus, you must profess with John the Baptist that “He must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:30). Your resolutions will fail if you try to achieve those goals on your own. However, if you temper your goals with a righteous altruism of Jesus, if you daily seek the strength of the Spirit, and if you hold yourself accountable with the wisdom of God then you can embody the fullness of Paul’s humble boast to the Philippians: “I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.” Your strength must never be your own – it must come from God in whose image you were created.

This year, I want us to really ponder our identity as a congregation. Who are we? Personally, what has God called you to do and how can you prepare yourself for that calling? That question should influence your resolutions for 2018. Communally, what has God called us to do and how can we prepare ourselves for that calling? You cannot answer any of those questions unless you know God intimately and personally.

This Sunday, we are going to begin a sermon series considering what we know about God. There are five instances where scripture records that an individual or group of people met God “paniym al paniym” – literally translated “Face to Face.” I want to consider each one of these instances that show 1) Like these characters, you can know God intimately, and 2) Because of that knowledge, you can know your calling according to his purposes. As we enter 2018, let’s seek the one whose power is limitless so that we may live into the possibilities of His perfect plan.

Expecting His Best,
Stephen V. Allen, Senior Pastor

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Church-Wide
Pot Luck Luncheon

Celebrating
the Ministry of
Mark and Lynn Barnes

Sunday, January 14, 2018
Following Morning Worship
In the TLC

The church will provide the meat, rolls, and drinks. Bring sides and desserts to feed your family plus 2. Bring your food to the TLC or put in on the cart at the entrance.
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**SENIOR ADULT NEWS**

**SENIOR ADULT SOUP/CHILI LUNCHEON**
Tuesday, January 9
11:45 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
Bring soup or chili and dessert.

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**SUNDAY REPORTS**

**Sunday’s Report - December 24, 2017**

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**S.S. Active Enrollment (December) | 350**

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**PRESCHOOL AND GRADED MUSIC & MISSIONS GROUPS**
Resume
Wednesday, January 10

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPEN HANDS NEEDS
Baby Wipes, New Reading Glasses

ALICE’S HOUSE NEEDS
HD Laundry Detergent, Dryer Sheets, Paper Napkins

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES
Resume Wednesday, January 10.

GRIEF SHARE
 Begins Wednesday, January 10
6:00 p.m. in TLC Rooms 256-258
Registration begins at 5:30 p.m.
Participation Workbook: $15
Classes run for 13 weeks.

DIVORCE CARE
 Begins Wednesday, January 10
6:00 p.m. in TLC Rooms 260-262
Registration begins at 5:30 p.m.
Participation Workbook: $15
Classes run for 13 weeks.

THE MINGLING OF SOULS
MARRIAGE CONFERENCE
Friday, February 2, 2018
5:45 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 3, 2018
8:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Cost $20 per couple
Includes:
Dinner on Friday, Breakfast on Saturday and Childcare
Tickets and Info: www.tabernacle.org

TLC NEWS

Effective Monday, January 8, the TLC will be operating on a revised schedule. Additional times have been added for walking:

Mondays: 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.
Tuesdays: 2:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.
Wednesdays: 2:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.
Thursdays: 2:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.
Fridays: 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for all shifts. Please contact Rick Bohannon at 770.823.6589.

We are excited to announce that beginning in February we will offer Jazzercise classes in the TLC gym on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. We are hopeful that this early morning schedule will allow more people opportunity to exercise. Zumba classes have resumed also. Classes are scheduled for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 5:45 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. in the gym. Look for additional information including pricing in next week's Tidings.

Sunday, January 7
9:00 am Instrumental/Praise Band (Worship Center)
9:15 am Sunday Morning Prayer Time (Chapel)
9:45 am Bible Study for All Ages
10:45 am Children’s Worship (Third Floor)
11:00 am Worship Service (Worship Center)
12:00 pm Church Council Meeting & Lunch (Room 206)

Monday, January 8
9:00 am Open Gym Walking-until 5:30 pm (Gym)
9:30 am Staff Meeting (Room 206)
5:45 pm Zumba (Gym)

Tuesday, January 9
8:00 am Tanner Tai Chi Class (Gym)
9:00 am Open Gym Walking - until 12:00 pm (Gym)
11:45 am Senior Adult Soup & Chili Lunch (FSH)
12:00 pm Open Gym Basketball - until 2:00 pm (Gym)
2:00 pm Open Gym Walking - until 5:30 pm (Gym)
5:00 pm Tanner Diabetes Self Management Class (Rooms 260, 262)
5:45 am Zumba (Gym)
6:30 pm Rec Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, January 10
9:00 am Open Gym Walking-until 12:00 pm (Gym)
12:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal
12:00 pm Open Gym Basketball-until 2:00 pm (Gym)
2:00 pm Open Gym Walking - until 5:30 pm (Gym)
4:45 pm Wednesday Night Supper (FSH)
5:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (Room 206)
5:30 pm Acteens (Rooms 234, Café)
5:45 pm Children’s Choir - Age 5 - Grade 1 (Room 319)
5:45 pm Preschool Choir - Ages 3 & 4 (Room 123)
5:45 pm Young Musicians Choir (Room 222)
6:00 pm Assoc. Pastor for Discipleship Search Committee Meeting (Room 206)
6:00 pm Connect (Gym)
6:00 pm Divorce Care (Rooms 260, 262)
6:00 pm Grief Share (Rooms 256, 258)
6:15 pm Praise Team Rehearsal (Worship Center)
6:15 pm Mission Friends (Rooms 101, 107, 116, 124, 126)
6:15 pm Prayer Gathering (Chapel)
6:15 pm Graded Missions (Rooms 301, 317, 319, 321)
6:30 pm College & Career Ministry Worship
7:00 pm TAB Choir Rehearsal (Room 222)

Thursday, January 11
8:00 am Tanner Tai Chi Class (Gym)
9:00 am Open Gym Walking-until 12:00 pm (Gym)
12:00 pm Open Gym Basketball-until 2:00 pm (Gym)
2:00 pm Open Gym Walking - until 5:30 pm (Gym)
5:45 pm Zumba (Gym)

Friday, January 12
9:00 am Open Gym Walking - until 4:00 pm (Gym)
9:30 am Friday Morning Bible Study (Room 209)
4:00 pm Students depart for Ski Trip

Saturday, January 13
9:00 am Open Gym Walking - until 10:30 am (Gym)
10:30 am Open Gym Basketball - until 12:00 pm (Gym)
Pastoral Team

Stephen Allen, Senior Pastor
Mark Barnes, Interim Associate for Music and Worship
Mary Lou Grimmett, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care
Wally Dedman, Interim Minister to Students

**THIS WEEK:** January 7, 2018

**SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.**

**SERMON:**
Glimpses of Glory:
“Grappling with Grace”
Dr. Stephen Allen

**SCRIPTURE**
Genesis 32:22-32

**WORSHIP LED BY:**
Mark Barnes, Interim Associate for Music and Worship
Tabernacle Choir
Special Music by Charles Allen and Mark Barnes

**DEACONS OF THE WEEK:**
January 7-13, 2018
Daniel Jackson
Lee Layton
Stanley Moody
Joe Murrah

**MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS**

Unrestricted Gift in Memory of:
- Mr. W. J. Robison
- Mr. Charlie Story

Unrestricted Gift in Honor of:
- Rev. Mark Barnes

2020 Now in Memory of:
- Mrs. Betty Cosper
- Mrs. LaRuth Ayers

Lottie Moon Offering in Memory of:
- Mr. Tommy Traylor

Lottie Moon Offering in Honor of:
- Mr. David Cooke
- Rev. Mark Barnes
- The Nalls Family
- Rev. James and Mrs. Christen Kimmel

**WEDNESDAY SUPPER MENU**

From 4:45 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Cost:
$4 - Adults
$2 - Children

Menu for Wednesday, January 10, 2018
Taco Salad and the Fixings