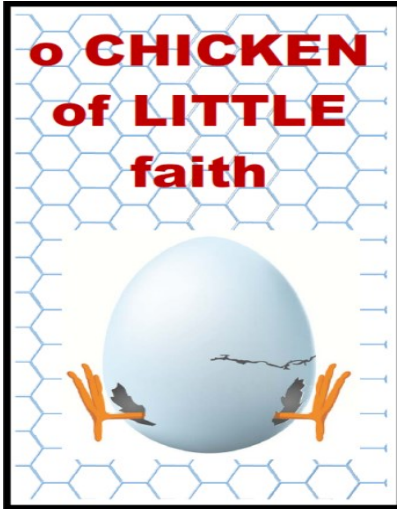


# The Tidings

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“O Chicken of Little Faith”  
Children’s Musical  
April 29  
5:00 p.m.

The Preschool and Children’s Choir  
will also present music selections.

## BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

Numbers 34 records God’s instructions to the people of Israel as they camped on the edge of the Promised Land. The speech reminisces about the stages of Israel’s existence and reflects on his faithfulness to them thus far. Then, God gives a stern commandment to the people of Israel: Finish the job well. God reminds them that they still need to drive out the inhabitants of the land into which they are entering. If they failed to do so, then they would be troubled for the remainder of their existence. Using very unusual vocabulary, Numbers warns Israel that doing the job halfway will lead to barbs in their eyes and thorns in their sides (ouch!). Anything short of God’s expectations will have serious consequences. Israel must sprint through the finish line.

Hindsight gives us the ability to see that Israel did not heed the Lord’s advice. Rather, they chose to cohabitate with their enemies and compromise their beliefs. The result was that Israel never became what God desired it to be. It never reached its fullest potential because its people were unwilling to finish the job. The good news was that God’s deal with the people of Israel was a one-sided covenant – He would be faithful to them regardless. The bad news was that they continually chose to rebel until finally their dreams were floated well out of sight. Their faith wavered.

Very rarely in life do you truly get to finish something—relationally speaking that is. Death is the only thing that brings

finality to a relationship, but even that cannot be confined thanks to the everlasting life provided in Jesus Christ. Life is a progressive series of projects that never seem to get finished. That is the frustrating thing about God’s commandment to the people of Israel; can they ever really clear the land? Will there not always be others in this fallen world that corrupt God’s plan? Is that not the message of Genesis and the Fall? The reality of this story is that Israel never could have finished the job on their own – they needed an extra boost that would come through the Messiah. In Christ, there is finality and blessed assurance that gives you the ability to finish things well.

Unlike the constant struggle of the Israelites, we have been given the ability to follow Christ in obedience and know how to finish well. As a congregation, we tend to follow the school calendar in much of our planning for natural reasons. The year will be ending for many of our teachers, students, and administrators in the next few weeks. Correspondingly, many of our Wednesday Night Activities and other programs will be concluding their season over the next month. I want to encourage you to focus on the end game. Finish strong. Live in this moment with the hope of God’s promise in mind.

Expecting His Best,

Stephen V. Allen





## Ronnie R. Young Memorial

### Hoops for Health Basketball Tournament

Saturday, April 28

Tabernacle Life Center

Tip off at 9:00 a.m.

## MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

### DAVID PHELPS IN CONCERT!



Tabernacle will host David Phelps, renowned Christian singer and Gospel vocalist, in concert with our choir on Saturday, May 19 at 7 PM. Tickets are available at davidphelps.com under the “tour” link at the top of the page. Buy tickets for you and for someone you know that needs to be a part of our church. This event will sell out so get your tickets fast!

We are in the process of transitioning *The Tidings* from a print mail out to a digital email in order to save on postage and printing costs. If you would like to continue to receive a physical mailed copy, please call the church office. **This is the last mailed copy of *The Tidings*** unless you have already specified your preference. Thank you!

## STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS

**Youth Church Camp**  
Panama City Beach  
June 11 - 15  
Cost: \$225  
Deposit Due: May 9  
Sign-up on back table in Youth Room.



## SENIOR RECOGNITION

**High School Seniors**  
Graduating high school seniors will be recognized during morning worship on Sunday, May 6. Please remember to turn in your photographs for *The Tidings* and breakfast R.S.V.P. to Stephanie by **this Sunday, April 29**.



## College and Graduate School Graduates

Those who are graduating with degrees from colleges, universities, and graduate schools will be featured in the May 2 edition of *The Tidings*. If you are graduating from the ranks of higher education, or know of a Tabernacle member who is, please inform the church office with his or her name, institution, and degree by Sunday, April 29.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Ecumenical Quiche Luncheon

The women of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church cordially invite the church ladies of Tabernacle Baptist Church to the Thirty-Sixth Ecumenical Quiche Luncheon in our parish center on Thursday, April 26, at noon. No reservations are needed. A nursery will not be provided. For more information, please contact Joanna Schoerner at 770-832-0900.

### Open Hands Needs

Pop-Top Meats, Gallon-Sized Baggies

### Alice's House Needs

Bath Towels, Hand Towels, Wash Cloths

Joyce Bettis, Food Services Director, has resigned due to health reasons. We wish to thank Joyce for her years of service at Tabernacle.

## TLC NEWS

The TLC is in need of one volunteer worker on Wednesdays from noon - 2:00 p.m. and two volunteers to cover the noon - 2:00 p.m. shift on Fridays. If interested, please contact Rick Bohannon at 770.823.6589.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### Memory Verse of the Week:

I Timothy 4:12—"Don't let anyone put you down because you are young. Teach believers with your life; by word, by action, by love, by faith, by purity."

### EXTENDED TEACHING CARE

Sunday, April 29, 2018

#### Team Leader:

Tara Ferguson

#### Babies/Creepers (Room 107):

Bobby Brown, Marshia Burnett, Linda Gray

#### Toddlers (Room 101):

Mike & Brenda Dunn

#### 2 Year Olds (Room 106):

Skip Ordway

#### 3 & 4 Year Olds (Room 120):

Jeff & Amanda Everidge

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Laura Smith



### VBS REGISTRATION

To register for VBS, please visit the VBS Registration Table outside of the Sanctuary or following worship on April 29, May 13, or May 20. You may also register online at [kideventpro.lifeway.com](http://kideventpro.lifeway.com).

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The Graded Missions will go to the Greenbelt to place inspiration rocks they've painted this Wednesday. Parents please make sure that your child has a Transportation Permission form completed and turned in to Crystal Gilley by Wednesday. Forms are available on first floor from Crystal Gilley.

## WMU NEWS

WMU will meet on Tuesday, May 1 at 10:00 a.m. in the TLC. Missy Head Owen returns home to share her work at the Davis Direction Foundation where she is Co-founder and CEO. The Foundation was established in the memory of Missy's son, Davis. Missy has traveled to many places sharing her story of the devastating affects drug addiction had on her family. Light refreshments will be served.

April 29 - May 5

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 29

- 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)
- 12:15 pm Nominating Committee (Room 206)
- 12:15 pm Spring Luncheon (FSH)
- 2:30 pm Young Musicians Dress Rehearsal
- 4:00 pm Young Musicians Snack Supper (FSH)
- 4:15 pm Personnel Committee (Room 206)
- 5:00 pm Student Bible Study (Third Floor)
- 5:00 pm Young Musicians Musical (Worship Center, Rooms 107, 116)

### Monday, April 30

- 9:00 am Open Gym Walking-until 4pm (Gym)
- 9:30 am Staff Meeting (Room 206)

### Tuesday, May 1

- 9:00 am Young Families Team Planning (Room 206)
- 9:00 am Open Gym Walking - until 12:00 pm (Gym)
- 9:30 am WMU Meeting (Café, Room 256)
- 12:00 pm Open Gym Basketball - until 2:00 pm (Gym)
- 2:00 pm Open Gym Walking - until 4:00 pm (Gym)
- 5:30 pm Diabetes Self Mgmt. Class (Rooms 260, 262)
- 5:45 pm Zumba (Gym)

### Wednesday, May 2

- 8:45 am Mom's Bible Study (Room 234)
- 11:45 am Prayer Time-until 12:45 pm (Chapel)
- 12:00 pm Open Gym Basketball-until 2:00 pm (Gym)
- 2:00 pm Open Gym Walking - until 4:30 pm (Gym)
- 6:00 pm Grief Share (Rooms 256, 258)
- 6:00 pm Connect (Gym)
- 6:30 pm College & Career Ministry (Rooms 311, 313)
- 7:00 pm TAB Choir Rehearsal (Room 222)

### Thursday, May 3

- 9:00 am Open Gym Walking-until 12:00 pm (Gym)
- 12:00 pm Cooking Matters (Café, Rooms 256, 258, 60, 262)
- 5:00 pm Diabetes Prevention Class (Rooms 260, 262)

### Friday, May 4

- 9:30 am Friday Morning Bible Study (Room 209)

### Saturday, May 5

- 9:00 am Open Gym Walking - until 10:30 am (Gym)
- 10:30 am Open Gym Basketball - until noon (Gym)

## THANK YOU NOTE

A thank you note has been received from:  
Mike & Libba Conner



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Stewardship Report	YTD (Fiscal Year: October-September)	
	4/22/2018	YTD
<b>Unrestricted Gifts</b>	\$ 13,963.21	
Revenue Needs Year to Date		\$ 810,000.00
Gifts Year to Date		\$ 841,230.98
Expenditures Year to Date		\$ 881,448.91
<b>2020 Now</b>	\$ 1,005.00	
2020 Now Year to Date		\$ 63,566.00
<b>World Missions</b>	\$ 679.00	
World Missions Year to Date		\$ 17,757.00

**Sunday's Report - April 22, 2018**

Worship Gatherings	On-Going Bible Studies	
Worship Center 364	Sunday	
ETC 43	On Campus	314
Children's Worship 22	External Bible Study	17
Church Conference 58	Friday Bible Study	12
<b>Total Worship 487</b>		<b>343</b>

S.S. Active Enrollment (March) 433

**THIS WEEK:** April 29, 2018

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

**SERMON:**

**"Identified"**  
*"You Are Enlightened"*  
Dr. Stephen Allen

**SCRIPTURE**

Ephesians 1:15-23

**WORSHIP LED BY:**

James Kimmel, *Associate Pastor for Music and Worship*  
Tabernacle Choir

**DEACONS OF THE WEEK:**

**April 29-May 5, 2018**

Jim Blevins, Gary Bullock, Steve Busby, Laura Campbell

**MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS**

**April 22, 2018**

**Unrestricted Gift in Memory of:**

Mr. Buren Brock

**2020 Now in Memory of:**

Mr. Buren Brock  
Mrs. Bonnie Brock

**World Missions in Memory of:**

Mr. Marion Rice  
Mr. Buren Brock

**World Missions in Honor of:**

Mrs. Annette Wright