

The Visitor



HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- ◆ **Palm Sunday** – *Sunday, March 25, 10:00 a.m.* – During the English language service, worshipers will receive Palm fronds and we will begin our worship service celebrating our Lord’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The service will invite us to walk with Jesus past the joyous crowds who welcome him to Jerusalem on Sunday as He set his face toward the Cross on Friday.
- ◆ **Maundy Thursday** – *Thursday, March 29, 6:00 p.m.* – We will observe a Lenten tradition at Tabernacle. Our evening will begin with a fellowship supper in Thorn Chapel. The supper will be followed with a Communion Service and program of Scripture readings and slide presentations as we follow the events of Jesus’ life leading to His death on the cross. Please bring a dish to share. The church will provide tableware and beverages.
- ◆ **Good Friday** – *Friday, March 29, 12:10 p.m.* – You are invited to join our brothers and sisters in Christ at Grace Episcopal Church for a Stations of the Cross service.
- ◆ **Easter Sunday** – *Sunday, April 1, 10:00 a.m.* – During the English language service we will hear the story of the resurrection from Mark 16. We will celebrate the resurrection with special music and some of our favorite Easter hymns. During the Children’s Sermon there will be a special Easter surprise for our young ones. Pastor Richard’s Sermon is entitled, “Mary Magdalene, The First Witness.” The sermon will invite us to see Jesus’ encounter with Mary Magdalene following His resurrection, His command to her and its message to us.



SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday, April 22, we will dedicate the newly restored Davison Tower of Refuge at the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. Members of the Davison family will be joining us, here at Tabernacle, for the dedication. Details to follow.

The Deadline to submit an article for the April Visitor is Sunday, March 18.

Pastor Dan is away until *March 23*. Anyone who wishes to speak with a pastor, please contact the church office at 315-735-7534, Pastor Richard at 954-933-1834, or Khinsoe Moe at 315-941-8458. Please keep Pastor Dan and his family in your prayers for safe and enjoyable travels..



Pastor's Page

Thorns and Roses

I was looking through some old pictures the other day and came across some pictures I took at the "Tournament of Roses Parade." While I was serving as interim pastor at a church in California, one of the members invited me to go with him to the parade. The magnificent flowers, especially the roses, displayed with so many different themes and in so many different ways was certainly something special to see. While experiencing that wonderful event, my mind drifted back to thoughts of my childhood.

My father had a beautiful rose garden on a plot of land right in the city of Bayonne, New Jersey that was directly across from New York City and when my sister and I would visit him, I would love to go to see the beautiful roses.

Those visits occurred during what was a difficult time for our family. My mother had died but my sister and I were very small children, so we were reared by an aunt and uncle in Pennsylvania. Because of this, it was a real treat when we would go and spend time with our dad in New Jersey. Spending time in his rose garden was almost magical for me, dozens of rose bushes and so many varieties with special names.

Of course, as we all know, roses are one of the most popular flowers. They have been a favorite

of poets and romantics at heart for a very long time and one of the most popular symbols of Valentine's Day, which we celebrated last month.

There are several legends about the Valentine rose. One tells that once a beautiful maiden by the name of Rodanthe was pursued by several suitors. In their desperate pursuit, they broke the doors of Rodanthe's house. The legend says that it so enraged the "goddess Diana" that she turned Rodanthe into a rose and her suitors into thorns. Roses and thorns. We know all about them. Many of us have pricked our finger with a thorn.

I remember one time when I was about 10 years old, I went to pick a rose from my father's rose garden and pricked my finger on a thorn. How it hurt and bled. Of course I yelled and my father, coming to my aid, used this incident, to teach me a lesson. He said that life is not only filled with roses, things that are beautiful, but also thorns, things that are painful. He then told me that what makes the difference, is what we do about the things that are painful in life.

As a child I didn't understand what he said but now, after a lifetime of experiences, I do.

In the New Testament, we read about a man who experienced many wonderful things. His name was Paul. He had many "rose experiences." Imagine encountering the risen Christ face to face.

However, he also had trouble with a thorn in his life. He said, "a thorn was given to me." We don't know what the thorn was but it must have been very painful because Scripture tells us that he asked the Lord to remove it three times and he probably asked many more times than that. He called it a "messenger from Satan."

We learn from Scripture that God did not remove the thorn but gave Paul wonderful words of encouragement that helped him get through the ordeal. God said "My grace is sufficient for you. My strength is made perfect in weakness."

I remember the response of a dear friend of mine who suffered something very painful. She was the Dean of Women of the first college at which I taught, a small Baptist college in Minnesota. She passed away many years ago but her response still encourages me. After something very unfair had been done to her, she said, "I would not trade one valley experience for all the mountain top experiences because it is the valley experience that draws me closest to the Lord."

Sayings like that and the promise to Paul have helped me cope with so many "thorns" in my life. Of course, a promise is only as good as the one making the promise. Let us give thanks that the one who made that promise accepts us as we are and where we are on our spiritual journey and that He promises He will never leave us and that nothing can ever separate us from His love.

Pastor Richard



Easter Lilies and Tulips
Order Form

Each year on Easter, our church is decorated with tulips and lilies usually given as memorials. You may place a flower order, by completing and returning this form with your payment to the church office or place it in the collection plate, by *Sunday, March 18*. **Envelopes are provided in Thorn Chapel and the Narthex.** *The cost is \$8.50 per plant.*



Checks should be made payable to "Tabernacle Baptist Church."

I enclose \$ _____ for # of White Lilies _____

of Yellow Tulips _____ # of Red Tulips _____



LILIES given by: *(Your name and phone)*

In Loving Memory of _____

TULIPS given by: *(Your name and phone)*

In Loving Memory of _____

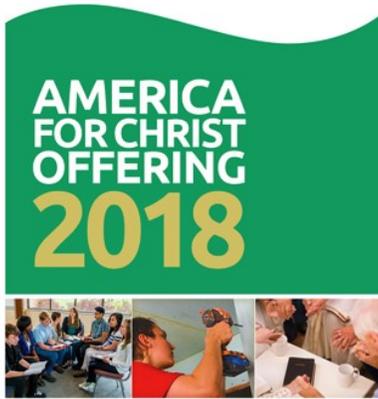
Check one:

- I will take my plant(s) after the Easter Sunday services.
- My plant(s) may be given to a shut-in after the Easter services.
- I am willing to deliver plants to shut-ins.

New Additions to Thorn Chapel

Two new speakers to better amplify the sound have been installed on the stage in the Thorn Chapel. Thank you December Htoo, Kwe Baw, Doe Keh, Luke, Hser Nay Doh Htoo, Johnnay San and Mu Ku for your hard work.

A TV Monitor has been installed in the Thorn Chapel to make weekly announcements of church activities. Using digital software, the monitor shows pictures of church family members involved in special events as well as scripture verses and inspirational quotes to guide us. Be sure to stop and view the monitor each week. Thank you to Mike Dunne, for installing the monitor.



CULTIVATING
LEADERS
**EQUIPPING
DISCIPLES**
HEALING
COMMUNITIES
Ephesians 4:11-13

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Most of us are able to keep clear in our minds the origin and goal of Christian ministry. Its origin is in Christ, who gives spiritual gifts and gifted people to the church. Its goal is the building of the body of Christ in knowledge, faith, and love. Less clear is the living, dynamic, God-appointed process that moves from origin to goal. Notice carefully what the following verses teach us. God gives to the church spiritual leaders whose role it is to equip saints for ministry.

The Apostle Paul echoes this truth in Ephesians 4:11-13 *“The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unit of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.”*

God’s pattern for producing people with powerful faith and genuine love is not to have the pastor-teachers do all the work of the ministry. They are to equip the saints to do the ministry. They are you – all of you – who have set yourselves apart for God through faith in Christ. According to God’s pattern, the building of the body in faith and love is the immediate result of the ministry of the laity.

The Lord Jesus Christ intends every member of the church to do the work of the ministry. The intention of ministry is to build up each other’s faith and love. God’s design is to use human support and encouragement to sustain the faith of his children and to lighten the burdens they bear in the service of love.

The America for Christ Offering 2018 reminds us that it is in our service to the church and the community that many experience the Christ in us. We are encouraged by this year’s theme to come alongside people and build them up. I am asking you to join me in giving generously this year’s American for Christ offering and help us to reach our goal as we partner in home mission.

Yours in Christ’s love,

Pastor Richard D. Burke

On behalf of the Worship and Witness Ministry Team

TRANSFORMED

Our exciting weekend with *TRANSFORMED!*, a Christian Drama Team from Eastern University, one of American Baptist Universities, was an event to remember. The event started with a Saturday Evening Youth Rally. In addition to our own young people, youth from other American Baptist Churches and area churches attended. It was a fun evening as well as an inspiring one.

On Sunday, the drama team gave a powerful dramatic message at the 10:00 a.m. English Service. It was followed by a potluck luncheon prepared by our Karen ladies. Thanks to all who made this event possible and special thanks to Susie Beal, for her excellent leadership and many hours of work .



The following individuals are giving leadership in a variety of roles to our congregation in 2018. They are your resource persons for questions, concerns and suggestions. They can also help you find a place of service and ministry within our congregation.

Officers

Moderator	Karen Dunne
Vice Moderator	Khinsoe Moe
Church Clerk	Gwen Deragon
Treasurer	Bradford Gould
Financial Secretary	Robert Mandry

Worship & Witness Ministry Team

Paw Nay Hser	Aung Tin
Gwen Deragon	Mu Dah
Susan Beal	Eh Mu Dah Kyi
Gran Ju Aye, Youth Rep.	

Stewardship Ministry Team

David Tomidy, Chair	Kler Eh Soe
Mike Dunne	Olive San
Khinsoe Moe	Thomas Moe, Youth Rep.

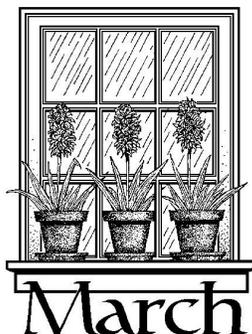
Faith Nurturing Ministry Team

Eh Nay Paw	Joanne Gould
Ka Hser Htoo	Elizabeth Nyein
Doe Doe Keh	Carol Bennett
Maria Htoo, Youth Rep.	

Church-Staff Relations Committee

Susan Beal
Joanne Gould
John Marvel

Services, Meetings, Special Events and Deadlines ~ March 2018



<i>Praise and Worship Band Rehearsal</i>	<i>Fridays, at 6:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Karen Christian School</i>	<i>Saturdays, 3:00-6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Karen Language Classes and Children's Music Practice</i>	<i>Saturdays, 3:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Karen Choir Practice</i>	<i>Saturdays, 5:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Youth Praise & Worship, Bible Study and Song Practice</i>	<i>Saturdays, 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>English Worship Service and Sunday School</i>	<i>Sundays, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Karen Worship Service</i>	<i>Sundays, 11:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Adult Bible Study</i>	<i>Sundays, 11:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Sunday School Clean-up Day</i>	<i>Saturday, March 3, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Sunday School Teachers' and Assistants' Communion Service</i>	<i>Sunday, March 4, 9:15 a.m.</i>
<i>Communion Sunday</i>	<i>Sunday, March 4, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	<i>Sunday, March 11</i>
<i>Faith Nurturing Ministry Team Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, March 11, 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, March 11, time to be determined</i>
<i>April Visitor Article Submission Deadline</i>	<i>Sunday, March 18</i>
<i>Easter Flower Order Deadline</i>	<i>Sunday, March 18</i>
<i>Women's Worship Service</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Each Month, 5:00 p.m. (March 18)</i>
<i>Palm Sunday Service</i>	<i>Sunday, March 25, 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Ministry Coordinating Council Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, March 25, 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Youth Worship Service</i>	<i>Last Sunday of Each Month, 6:00 p.m. (March 25)</i>
<i>Maundy Thursday Fellowship Supper and Service</i>	<i>Thursday, March 29, 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Karen Language Class Perfect Attendance Award Ceremony and Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>Saturday, March 31, 4:00 p.m.</i>

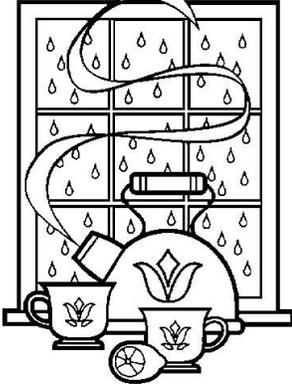




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**Tabernacle Baptist Church
 Sunday Worship**

10:00 a.m. English Service
 11:15 a.m. Karen Worship

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Closed on Fridays

**In case of
 emergency,
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TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Richard D. Burke	Interim Pastor
Rev. Daniel Calvin San	Pastor
Rev. Dr. James V. Davison	Pastor Emeritus
Karen Dunne	Minister of Christian Ed.
Say Wah Htoo	Christian Ed. Associate
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Lewis Olivadese	Sexton
Michael Dunne	Sexton

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March

BIRTHDAYS

Silver Moo	3/1	Magadalei Gyi	3/11
Say Ka Paw	3/1	Psau Paw	3/12
Karin Reiss	3/1	Kpru Taw	3/13
Deborah Thein	3/1	Lah Ser C Marvel	3/14
Joan Baum	3/1	Donald S. Baum Jr.	3/15
D. Ardelle Tuckerman	3/2	Addison Green	3/16
Dah Bu	3/2	Wendy Levitt	3/17
Mu Dor May	3/2	Lanetta Soe	3/17
Tha Aye	3/3	Sha Khu	3/18
Phyozaw Htun	3/3	Bill T. Roberts	3/18
Dah Pyu Nyunt	3/3	Moona Sayrose	3/18
Olive San	3/4	Kel Wah	3/20
Lay Lay Mar	3/5	Mu Paw	3/21
Ser Eh Nee	3/5	Anthony Jackson	3/21
Say Kwai Paw	3/5	True Win	3/24
Gilbert Baw	3/6	Sunday Htoo	3/24
Naw Be Be	3/6	La Ehe	3/25
Simon Win	3/7	Victorious Htoo	3/26
Enola Dickson	3/8	Mark Caruana	3/27
Keller Nyunt	3/8	Robert Bause Jr.	3/29
David Tomidy	3/10	Maria Htoo	3/29
Ma Aye	3/10	Ernest Bates Jr.	3/30
Saw Eh Lau La Lu Lu	3/10	Savior Wah	3/30
Love Gay Moo	3/10		

Happy Birthday

