



# UNION CITY BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Union City Baptist Church  
2502 Doylesville Road  
Richmond, Kentucky 40475

Sunday School 10:00 – 10:50  
Morning Worship Service 11:00 – 12:00  
Evening Worship Service 6:00 – 7:00  
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting 7:00 – 8:00

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ON MISSION WITH GOD Acts 1:8

## Just A Word:

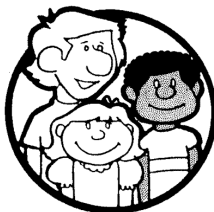
As I began to think about this issue of our newsletter I thought about all that our God has done and is doing here at Union City Baptist. I thought about the great Easter season we had as we celebrated our Savior's resurrection. I thought about our ensemble that plays every Sunday and how God has added to it and how well they play. I thought about the new people that have come to our family. I have thought about how God has worked and is working in the lives of those who are struggling in life. I thought about our youth group and the things they are doing. I thought about the kids having an Easter egg hunt here at the church. I also have thought that it won't be long before we go to camp this June. God has blessed us so richly and is using us to touch lives, it is so awesome to watch Him work. I pray that you can see and feel Him at work in your life as well.

Bro. Rick

*The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.*

## Kids Corner

### EGGS, EGGS, AND MORE EGGS



On Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 15 children enjoyed an afternoon of Easter egg hunting, games, singing, and snacks. Approximately 200 plastic eggs filled with candy were found. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and had a great time on a beautiful Sunday afternoon.

The next fellowship is being planned for April 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:00 pm at the Annex. All the children in grades K – 5 are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship.

The children learned a new song that they shared with the congregation during the worship service on March 30<sup>th</sup>. They did a great job and everyone enjoyed their performance.

*Matthew 19:14 "Jesus said, Let the little children come to me".*

## Greetings From Sunday School

Welcome! Come on in. We have a class just for "YOU". There are classes for all age groups from babies to seniors. For the adult classes, the study theme for April is "Pioneers In The Covenant". This study theme focuses on biblical texts from Genesis relating to Abram's move to Canaan, Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his only son Isaac, Isaac's perseverance despite conflicts over wells and herds, and Jacob's reconciliation with Esau. In May we will be "Unlocking Your Best Relationships". This series focuses on ingredients to the important work of building godly relationships: appreciation, communication, trustworthiness, and forgiveness.

Come join us at 10:00am Sunday Morning to fellowship and study God's Word.

"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope". Romans 15:4

Michael Eirich  
Sunday School Director

## Vacation Bible School

Our VBS is scheduled for 6:00 – 9:00 pm on July 13--18, 2008. The theme this year is Outrigger Island: "Living God's Unshakable Truth". There will be classes for ages 2 years through Middle School. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm and classes will

begin at 6:30 pm. If you would like to help in Vacation Bible School, please contact Brenda Parke.

This year the Association's Vacation Bible School Clinic will be on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Berea Baptist Church in Berea. This is an excellent opportunity to meet with VBS workers from other churches in our Association and share ideas. Plus, we can review and become familiar with the teaching materials. Please join us.

## Van Ministry

The church has bought a 2006 Ford 15 passenger van. In addition to the money in the van fund, we borrowed \$7,699.00 to pay for it. If you would like to contribute to help pay for the debt please see Robert Parke.

If you need a ride to church on Sunday call no later than 9:30 am. Call 859-623-2845

## Mission Organizations

The STELLA PARKE WMU is one of the Women's Missionary Union groups that meet in our church each month. We meet at night to allow working women to join with us, but all women and girls are invited. Each month we meet and have prayer, a missionary lesson, and plan our project for the month. We have had numerous projects in the past including making scarfs for the homeless, Samaritan's Purse, Shoe Box Ministry to provide Christmas for children throughout the world, nursing home visits, helping the needy families, and many more.

We currently are working toward purchasing a Pure Water/Pure Love water filtering system for a missionary in a foreign country. The purpose is to remove disease causing microorganisms, contaminants and sedimentation from the water supply of these missionaries. As the missionaries say "this gift will enable us to live among these unreached people with the hope of taking the Living Water of Christ to them". Each PW/PL system is \$250.00. We have provided one and are working toward a second. We currently have \$150.00 collected for it by putting \$15.00 per month in the fund.

We are also supporting our missionary, Eileen Mullins Director of Haven of Rest Family Ministries in Inez, Kentucky, by sending her a love offering each month.

Another project we are involved in is visiting Children's World Daycare to share God's love with them each month. We are graciously allowed to visit, read a Bible story, sing Christian songs and play with the children.

We meet on the first Tuesday night of each month at 7:00 pm in the annex. If you are interested in mission work come join us. If you would like to be involved in our PW/PL effort or any of our other missions, let us know. We would be happy for you to be involved.

## March Financial Report

February Income:	\$7,882.79
Expenses:	\$7,353.82
Cash Increase:	\$528.97

### Account Balances

General:	\$1,717.72
Expansion:	\$10,616.28
Building:	\$2,208.39
Memorial:	\$403.35
Van:	\$5,291.75
Mission:	<u>\$605.99</u>
Total:	\$20,843.48

## Jesus' Love For Us

(Joshua 1:1-9 ) From time to time, everyone faces a big decision of some kind. As believers, we should face such crossroads with the desire to follow the Lord's will. The Hebrew leader Joshua gives us an example to follow.

God gave Joshua clear directives, which, from a human standpoint, didn't make much sense: He told the leader to march his men around the city for seven days. Many of us might have questioned such a battle plan.

Yet Joshua was fully committed to obeying, and he refused to reconsider that decision, even after (quite literally) receiving marching orders (Joshua 3:3-5). He followed directions exactly, and God gave the Israelites victory through his obedience.

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Sadly, many of us today are less determined to obey. Even when the Lord's instructions seem perfectly sensible, internal pressure can still make us second-guess what we should do. Sometimes, we don't trust God enough to take a big step of faith. Or we may question whether we heard Him correctly. Another possibility is fear of failure. But we should realize this: When we seek God's will, walk in His way, and obey what we believe He is saying, He graciously works--even through our missteps--for our good (Romans 8:28).

External pressure can also veer us away from God's best. When we choose to obey Him, we may face persecution and criticism. However, we must seek to please God, even if that means displeasing others.

What decisions are you facing? Pray for wisdom and direction, confess any disobedience, and be ready to obey.

## **A Step Of Faith**

What do you understand it takes for a person to go to heaven? Consider how the Bible answers this question. It is a matter of **FAITH**.

## **F is for FORGIVENESS**

We cannot have eternal life and heaven without God's forgiveness. "In Him (meaning Jesus) we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses" (Ephesians 1:7).

## **A is for AVAILABLE**

Forgiveness is available. It is available for All. "For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life"(John 3:16). But Not Automatic. "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord!' will enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

## **I is for IMPOSSIBLE**

It is impossible for God to allow sin into heaven. Because of who He is: God is loving and just. His judgement is against sin. "For judgement is without mercy" (James 2:13). Because of who we are: Every

person is a sinner. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). But how can a sinful person enter heaven, when God allows no sin?

## **T is for TURN**

Turn means repent. Turn from something – sin and self. "But unless you repent, you will all perish" (Luke 13:3). Turn to Someone; trust Christ only. "If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (Roman 10:9).

## **H is for HEAVEN**

Heaven is eternal life. Here ... "I have come that they may have life and have it in abundance" (John 10:10). Hereafter ... "If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come back and receive you to Myself, so that where I am you may be also" (John 14:3). How ... How can a person have God's forgiveness, heaven and eternal life, and Jesus as personal Savior and Lord? By trusting in Christ and asking Him for forgiveness. Take the step of faith described by another meaning of FAITH: Forsaking All I Trust Him. Then tell someone about the important decision you have made. Grow in your faith and enjoy new friends in Christ by becoming part of His church and attending the Sunday School class a Church has just for you.

## **A Note From 1848**

In 1848, the Baptist of Union City agreed with the reformed brethren to erect a brick building, which is used today, on the ground occupied by the old log church. The brick for the new church was made on the church property. The Baptist worshiped the first Sunday of the month, the Reformers the second Sunday. The meeting house was thus jointly owned until November 3, 1893, when the Baptist purchased the interest of the Reformers in the lot and the building for two hundred dollars.

This year on April 27, 2008 Union City Baptist Church will celebrate it's 196 anniversary with a home coming at the church. Rev. Ken Hembree will be the morning speaker and a covered dish meal will follow in the fellowship hall.

Brother Ken is Pastor of the Church in Mississippi that our Mission Team worked with the last two summer mission trips. Please come and join us for a great time of worship and fellowship.

## Youth On Mission

The Youth were very busy during the month of March. We attended "Youth Connect", March 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup>. It was a very exciting and fulfilling meeting. Twenty-seven (27) youth accepted Christ as their Savior and between 18 and 25 recommitted their lives to Christ. Between 8 and 12 of our youth and 2 adults attended the meetings. On March 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 youth and 2 adults visited with the residents of Telford Terrace. We always enjoy seeing the smiles on the residents faces as the youth share with them. On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, we performed at the Mission Team's Salad Supper. Ten youth performed an interpretive dance and entertained the crowd with the puppets. Everyone had a good time. If you know a middle school or high school student, tell them about our Youth Group. We will enjoy having them join in our Wednesday evening and Sunday evening activities. Also, we want to thank the Church for buying the van. It will make our mission trips safer and more enjoyable. "THANKS A BUNCH !!!!"

## Missions

The church is planning two mission trips during June of 2008. The first trip will be June 8-12 in Corbin, Ky. The group will be doing Backyard Bible Clubs and helping at a Homeless Shelter. The second trip will be June 21-28 in Pascagoula, MS. The second group will be conducting Backyard Bible Clubs and repair work at the Unity Baptist Church. Anyone interested in attending either mission trip will need to be in attendance at the planning meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

## 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Congratulations! Hattie Lou Parke celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday March 23<sup>rd</sup>. She was honored with a reception at Morning Pointe.

## 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

William and Shirley Marshall Hendricks celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on March 23, 2008 with their family. Mr and Mrs Hendricks were married on March 26, 1938 at the home of Bro. W. R. Royce on Big Hill Ave. They are the parents of four children, Betty (Donald) Roberts, Ann (Johnny) Covington, Janet (Robert D.) Eades, and William B. (Donna) Hendricks. The couple also have nine grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

The couple enjoyed the day with family remembering about old times and the way things have changed over the last seventy years.

## Calendar

April 8 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 am WMU Dorcus Day Circle
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	4:30-6:00 pm K-5 <sup>th</sup> grade fellowship at the annex
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 pm Department SS Leadership Meetings, Youth & Prayer Meeting
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am-12:00 pm Vacation Bible School Clinic, Berea Baptist Church
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Homecoming: Covered dish dinner after morning worship
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm WMU Stella Parke Circle and Brotherhood
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 am WMU Dorcus Day Circle
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 pm WMU Stella Parke Circle and Brotherhood
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 am WMU Dorcus Day Circle
June 8-13 <sup>th</sup>	Mission trip to Corbin, Ky
June 9-13 <sup>th</sup>	Youth camp at Laurel Lake Camp for 4th-12 <sup>th</sup> graders
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Father's Day
June 21-28 <sup>th</sup>	Mission trip to Pascagoula, MS