



# UNION CITY BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Union City Baptist Church  
2502 Doyleville Road  
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Sunday School 10:00 – 10:50  
Morning Worship Service 11:00 – 12:00  
Evening Worship Service 6:00 – 7:00  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 – 8:00

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ON MISSION WITH GOD Acts 1:8

## Just A Word:

Just a word today from the Word. The word for today is peace. Peace, people pray for peace all the time. In our world of turmoil and strife people are looking for peace. In our world of wars and fighting people are looking for peace. People are asked to pray for the peace of Israel, but the peace many are looking for is that there will be no more war there. The peace that we should pray for Israel is the same peace that we need to pray for everyone. That is to say the peace that only comes from knowing God. And the only way to know God is to have Jesus, His son, in our lives as Savior and Lord. With Jesus in our lives there is true peace to be had. Jesus said; "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27. There is peace to be had and it comes only in Jesus. His kind of peace is a peace that is there even in the hardest times of life. When you don't think you can go on in life there is God's peace to rely on. When the storms of life come upon you and you are tossed about remember there is peace even in the storm when you have God in your life. Cling to the peace that comes only through Jesus in all of life.

Bro Rick

## Senior Adults Mark Your Calendar!!

Who are Senior Adults? If you are a Senior Adult, I am sure your body lets you know. There has been some interest in having some activities for Senior Adults. A luncheon has been planned for Monday, Sept 8, 11:30am, at the Church Annex. The meat, bread and drinks will be provided. Bring a vegetable, salad or dessert to help complete the meal. This is for all Senior Adults who would like to come for food and fellowship. At the luncheon we'll discuss future activities for this group. We may even give ourselves a name. For more information contact Helen Blevins at 623-0621 or Margaret York at 624-2071.

## 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. In September, the adult classes will study from the book of Matthew. Topics will include "Forgive Early and Often", "Come One, Come All", "No Time Like the Present" and "Use It or Loose It". Come join us at 10:00 am 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

## Kids Corner

**PAPER, PENCILS,  
CRAYONS and GLUE**



On Saturday, August 9, the church held its annual Back-to-School Bash from 4:00 – 6:00 pm on the church grounds. The church gave out some of the supplies from the school list and provided free haircuts to children. 49 children were registered with a total estimated attendance of 95. We served hot dogs, chips and drinks, and there were lots of games to play, including a giant inflatable slide. There was also a full sized school bus and a miniature bus that talked to the children.

## Vacation Bible School

Our VBS was conducted on July 13--18, 2008. The theme this year was Outrigger Island: "Living God's Unshakable Truth". There were classes for ages 2 years through Middle School. Dinner was served at 6:00 pm and classes began at 6:30 pm. Brenda Parke served again this year as superintendent.

There were 31 preschoolers, 45 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders and 7 middle schoolers for a total student enrollment of 83. There were 41 workers and the average student attendance was 62. The best news is that 2 students accepted Christ as their Savior. The children brought \$577.71 as an offering that will be given to Sunrise Children's Services of Kentucky.

## 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

## Youth On Mission

Our Youth are certainly involved in ministry. Several made the trip to Mississippi, and they led the worship service at our church on July 27. The service included skits, puppets, songs, dance interpretation and scripture. They also conduct a worship service once a month for the residents at Telford. The residents especially love singing with the youth. On September 7, they will help with Grandparents Day at Telford. The event includes a petting zoo, antique car rides, popcorn and balloons.

On Aug. 8, 16 youth and 4 adults came together for a lock-in, and on Aug. 9, 11 youth and 4 adults went to a Lexington Legends game. They are planning a paintball trip for August 16. Contact Jerry or Theda Rose for more information.

## Missions

### CORBIN

On June 8 Lynita Brown, Lana Bay, Jill Nehila and

Brenda Wilson went to Corbin, Ky. to conduct Backyard Bible Clubs in cooperation with Friends for Families. The Bible Clubs we held at housing complexes, and many children were there because they lived with grandparents, illustrating the need for ministry to those children. The team conducted 2 Backyard Bible Clubs during the day and a Vacation Bible School in the evening- and slept in a cabin at night.

### MISSISSIPPI

The mission team thanks God for allowing them to go and minister to others. Early in the morning on June 21, twenty of our church family heeded the call and left to spend a week ministering to the folks in and around Pascagoula, Mississippi. Their purpose was twofold: to conduct backyard Bible Clubs, and to continue repair and reconstruction work at the Unity Baptist Church, which was severely damaged by hurricane Katrina in 2005. The team ministered to 73 children and 4 adults at the Bible Clubs and 3 adults on the church grounds.

Here is some of what our missionaries shared with the church after returning: Helen Blevins was so excited about going that she awoke at 2:00 am on the morning to leave and was waiting on the sidewalk with her suitcase when the Church van drove by to pick her up. She admits that it was pretty hot down there, but she knows we planted some seeds. Katie Thurman said that the kids were the main reason for going because they are so willing and open to learning, and because she was at that age when she got saved.

Janet Eades talked about going to Ridgecrest as a 13 yr. old and making a commitment to missions. This trip and others mean so much to her because they are allowing her to fulfill that commitment.

Jim York has been using his skills as an electrician on previous trips. Jim's not much at talking, but he said that they were able to figure out some wiring problems and get the emergency lights and the lights outside the church building in working order. The rest of the work crew, consisting of Darin Wilson, Glenn Newland, and Robert David Eades removed items from the sanctuary and painted it, making it possible for the members of Unity to meet in a clean sanctuary the following Sunday for the first time since the hurricane. It is our prayer that a place to meet will allow them to restore their church membership.

Jerry Rose told about a 9 year old girl last year who

was challenged to learn the memory verse from last year's trip- John 3:16. Not only did she learn it before they left last year, she still remembered it when the mission team returned this year. Remember what Helen said about sowing seeds?

Brother Rick shared that ministering to the children allowed opportunities to minister to their parents. Team leader Bill Hendricks thanked God for allowing the team to go and told how God puts us in places to minister to people- not necessarily the places or people we had in mind- but still God puts them there. It's up to us to yield and respond.

## 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 scarves 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.

## July Financial Report

July Income:	\$10,100.49
Expenses:	\$9,470.60
Cash Increase:	\$629.89

Account Balances	
General:	\$716.44
Expansion:	\$7,626.37
Building:	\$4,472.66
Memorial:	\$207.65
Van:	\$187.55
Mission:	<u>\$465.59</u>
<b>Total:</b>	\$13,676.26

## A Note From 1812

In May 1812 Robert Frier was chosen pastor and Colby B. Quisenberry was church clerk. Frier served until his death in December 1819. Quisenberry served until 1830. In June of 1812, the church joined the Tates Creek Baptist Association. At that meeting Quisenberry and Samuel Denny were chosen as the church's first deacons. In August 1813, the church received from John Winn a deed for one and one half acres of land on which the meeting house now stands. In 1814, the church was practicing the ordinance of foot-washing. Also, that year a member was disciplined for playing the fiddle.

## 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.

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 judgment is against sin. "For judgment 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.

## 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Congratulations! William Hendricks celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 18<sup>th</sup>. If you do the math, you'll realize he was born on 8/18/1918.

## Calendar

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| <b>Sept. 7</b>  | Grandparents Day at Telford- Youth will assist<br>Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 pm |
| <b>Sept. 8</b>  | Luncheon for Senior Adults  |
| <b>Sept. 14</b> | deadline to register for Women's Cedarmore Retreat- cost \$65.00            |
| <b>Sept. 15</b> | MAN meeting; 7:00 pm  |
| <b>Sept. 24</b> | SS Leadership Meeting, 7:00 pm  |