



# UNION CITY BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Union City Baptist Church  
2502 Doyleville Road  
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Issue #4

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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Pastor: Bro. Rick Brown

December 2008

ON MISSION WITH GOD Acts 1:8

## Celebrate the birth of Christ!

Sunday, Dec 21  
**Christmas Cantata-  
11:00 am**

**Christmas Play-  
6:00 pm**

**Birthday Party for Jesus-  
7:00 pm**



## Just a Word:

Our Word for this issue of our newsletter is one that we think about this time of the year. Our Word is something that we all like to receive and many enjoy giving. Our Lord gave our Word to all who ask Him. Do you know what our Word is? The Word is GIFT! We all like to receive and give them and Jesus gave us a gift. In Romans 6:23 the Bible says ..."but the GIFT of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus". The greatest GIFT given was, of course, Jesus to a lost and hurting world. He still remains the greatest GIFT ever given. The question to you is this- Have you received the GIFT that God is offering? He offers this GIFT to everyone who will receive Him. As with all gifts this GIFT is free. Jesus paid the price for us to have this GIFT. As we think of giving and receiving gifts let us also think of those who have never received the greatest GIFT ever given.  
Bro Rick

## Van Ministry

The church van will pick you up and take you home for Sunday morning and evening services. If you need a ride to church on Sunday call no later than 9:30 am. for mornings and no later than 5:30 for evenings. Call 859-623-2845.

If you would like to contribute to help pay off the debt on the van, please see Robert Parke.

## Greetings From Sunday School

How do we learn? We learn from the examples of others, from reading and studying, and from sharing thoughts and ideas. Where is the best place for both the lost and the believer alike to learn about Jesus and God's plan for our

lives? That place is Sunday School. Come and join us and bring your neighbor.

In December, the adult classes have been studying "A Heart for Missions". The lessons examine missions as an expression of God's heart, ways all believers can be involved in missions, Jesus as the message of missions, and God's missionary call. In January, we are asked "Do you need a fresh start?" This study addresses the common need adults have to make a fresh start in their lives. The lessons focus on the importance of gaining true perspective and hope. In February, the focus is on "How to pray with power". The lessons will focus on praying with confidence, praying with persistence, praying in Jesus' name, and praying for others.

Come and join us as we continue to fulfill the "Great Commission".

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20.*

Michael Eirich  
Sunday School Director

## Kids Corner

### ***Puppets, Singing, and a 100 years***

On Sunday, November 23 the children went to Telford Terrace and Morning Pointe to perform puppets and singing. At Morning Pointe they also saw Hattie Lou Parke, our church's oldest member, who is 100. Afterwards they ate at Frisch's.

On Sunday, December 14 they went caroling to homes in the community, then returned to the church for sandwiches and cookies.

This month the children are studying about the birth of Jesus Christ, beginning with the prophecies in Isaiah and Micah.

## Youth on Mission

On October 29 our youth participated in the Telford Halloween Party. Nine youth assisted with the fish pond, duck pond, golf and other booths. They also opened their collective trunk and handed out candy at the church's Trick-or-Trunk.

On November 7 Jerry Rose performed on the trumpet at Kit Carson Elementary, where he played Taps and other selections for the Veteran's Day Program. On November 10 the youth performed a Veteran's Day Program for the residents of Telford, where they read the histories of some of the resident Veterans.

They are currently rehearsing *His First Noel*, which they will perform at the church on December 21 at 6:00 pm.

## Missions

### Halloween Trick-or-Trunk

On Halloween this year the church opened it's parking lot for members to park their vehicles, open their trunks and give out treats to the children of the church and community. There was an estimated attendance of 75.

Trick-or-Trunk is an excellent opportunity to reach out to those in our community who are unchurched. Our church passed out the pamphlet *Hidden Treasure*. It described salvation as a hunt for treasure- which of course it is. It even included a treasure map with the treasure being the Holy Bible. It was well received by all. *Hidden Treasure* was also passed out at the Kit Carson and Glenn Marshall Praise Club meetings. In all, 400 pamphlets were given out.

### Community Thanksgiving Dinner

We held our Third Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Union City Ruritan Club on Thanksgiving Day from 11 am to 1 pm. The traditional Thanksgiving Dinner consisted of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and pumpkin pie. Some extras were served as well.

Our attendance was smaller this year compared to year's past, but that did not stop the fun and fellowship. We had 33 in attendance, including workers and guests. Sharing the love of Jesus Christ to our community was our goal. This we were able to accomplish- which made the day a success.

Thanks to all who donated and shared in this experience.

## Mission Organizations

The Lottie Moon Offering goal is \$3000.00. All of this money is used to support international missions. Bro. Rick

has challenged the church to increase our goal to \$3,500. This will support 1 missionary for 1 month.

The offering for Eliza Broaddus State Mission Fund was \$588.20. All of this money is used for missions here in Kentucky.

31 fleece scarves with scripture verses attached were taken to the Hope Center in Lexington. The WMU provided an evening meal of chili, vegetable soup, soup beans, grilled cheese sandwiches, P,B&J sandwiches and desserts for 50 students at the Baptist Campus Ministry on Nov. 13. We are planning to do this again sometime after January.

This year the Union City Baptist Church sent 44 Christmas Shoeboxes to Samaritan's Purse. Each box contains toys, school supplies and personal care items to be shipped to needy children around the world. God love encompasses the world in these boxes.

The Dorcas Day Circle is collecting food for the needy and has taken cookies to the shut-ins in December. The Stella Parke Night Circle visited nursing homes and sang carols on Dec. 9.

The Day Circle meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 for a noon meal, mission study and ministry projects. The Night Circle meets on the first Monday night of each month at 7:00 pm for mission study and ministry projects. The whole church is invited to join us in all of the projects, and all ladies are invited to join either group.

## Senior Adults

*For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.*  
Psalms 100:5

There were 12 people present at the Faithful Followers breakfast Nov. 11. Plans were made to see Southern Lights on Dec. 20. A special guest, "Annie Do Good", explained a program to help deal with the drug problem in Madison Co. She came to the conclusion that if children were drug to church, family events and maybe even to the woodshed, they wouldn't have a problem with drug abuse. Be sure to check the calendar of events for future Senior Adult activities. There is always food involved!

Church  
Thanksgiving  
Dinner



On Sunday November 23 our church family met together

for our annual Thanksgiving meal with approximately 80 in attendance. The fellowship hall was decorated beautifully by our Adult Ladies, and a delicious bountiful meal was enjoyed by all.

The greatest blessing, however, followed the meal as many people shared testimonies of how God has blessed them this past year. We are truly thankful for our church, and for God's many blessings.

## A Note From the 1820s

In February 1820, David Chenault became pastor. In May 1821 Thomas Jarman took the post, which he held until 1828. James E. Duvall was the first member ordained to the ministry.

About this time Alexander Campbell began to preach Baptismal Regeneration (that one must be baptized in order to be saved). Most of Campbell's followers came from established Baptist and Presbyterian churches and formed churches known as Disciples of Christ, or Christian churches. They were also called Reformers or Campbellites. In October 1830 Union City Baptist divided, a majority following Campbell's doctrine. Fifteen remained true to their original faith. In December 1830, sixteen more joined the Baptist Church and Thomas Ballou became the pastor. After a disagreement with the Bates Creek Association in 1839, Union City in 1847 voted to request admission into the South Fork Association. In 1857 the church joined the Boone's Creek Association. In 1961 Union City again joined the Bates Creek Association.

## November Financial Report

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| November Income: | \$11,375.38 |
| Expenses:        | \$9,588.78  |
| Cash Increase:   | \$1,786.60  |

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| Account Balances |             |
| General:         | \$2,909.09  |
| Expansion:       | \$8615.67   |
| Building:        | \$1069.32   |
| Memorial:        | \$407.65    |
| Van:             | \$276.40    |
| Mission:         | \$465.59    |
| Total:           | \$13,743.72 |

## Calendar

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| <b>Dec. 17</b> | Business Meeting, 7:00 pm   |
| <b>Dec. 20</b> | Senior Adults go to Southern Lights, 6pm  |
| <b>Dec. 21</b> | Christmas Cantata, 11:00 am<br>Christmas Play, 6:00 pm<br>Birthday Party for Jesus, 7:00 pm |
| <b>Dec. 24</b> | Christmas Eve, no prayer meeting  |
| <b>Dec. 25</b> | CHRISTMAS DAY   |
| <b>Dec. 31</b> | Prayer Meeting, 7:00 pm<br>Youth New Year's Eve Party, 7:00pm                               |