

March
2011

United Love Letters

DVD copies of our worship services are available. Each DVD is \$2.00. If you would like a copy of a service, request forms are located at the sound booth. Completed forms can be returned to the audio/visual operator, placed in the offering plate, or returned to the church office.

Deadline for all information for the April 2011 newsletter: Sunday, March 13.

Weekly Opportunities

Sunday:

9:00 a.m. Adult Choir
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
4:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Wednesday:

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal
Reservations REQUIRED
6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:00 p.m. Bible Study
Youth
Mission
Organizations

Thursday:

8:30 a.m. United Breakfast Club
(meets at CJ's Grill)

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March 9th is Ash Wednesday. From that day until Easter, we will be into the 40 days of Lent. Lent hints of spring, a time when the earth begins to awaken from a winter's nap, and new growth bursts forth all about us. More personally, it is an opportunity to enter into a springtime for our spirit. For centuries Christians have used the 40 days of Lent to seek spiritual growth. Sincere repentance, a changing of heart, casting off old sinful practices and seeking to commune with God help us go in the right direction. Lent is a time to let God do "spring cleaning" within us. It's our opportunity to allow God to help us toss out the "stuff" that hinders us, and then freshen up the "new creature" we are meant to be as followers of Christ.

"Many think of self-denial as giving up something during the Lenten season. Others have said that it is to be dead to self, or even to hate self. I disagree with these opinions. When Jesus referred to self-denial (Mark 8:34), he was not talking about denying ourselves some luxury item or denying the reality of self or the needs of self. Rather, he was focusing on the importance of renouncing self as the center of our life and actions.

"In other words, self-denial is the decision of each of his followers to give over to God his body, career, money and time. A true disciple is willing to shift the spiritual center of gravity in his life. Self-denial is the sustained willingness to say no to oneself in order to say yes to God."

—Bill Hull

Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, March 9, 2011 7:00 p.m.

From the pastor...



A good cleaning takes work.

Dear church family,

With March comes the season of Lent. Often when we have the season of Lent, we often work on our spiritual life in doing a spring cleaning of our life. We each give up something that would affect our spiritual life so that we can make it better. This year I am asking you to do something different. Don't think about self, but the church. I feel our church is getting too much centered in our individual lives and not looking at the church as a whole. Haggai is a book in the Bible about one of the early post-captivity prophets named Haggai who spoke on behalf of God to rebuilding the temple. The sin of the people was that they were too caught up into their own life that they let the temple go. Haggai 1:3-4 says, "Then the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet saying, "Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?"

We have done lots of work physically on the church and it looks great. But too often what we forget is the church is the people. I feel the part we need to be working on in the rebuilding of the temple is in how we treat each other, treat our community, and treat our God. Too often in hurting each other, we hurt our community and our Lord. Jesus said to Saul when he was on the road of Damascus going to attack church people, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" We forget when we have bad thoughts, wishes, and refuse to be friends with someone within the church we are hurting not only that person but our Lord. Often when we are involved in this we are not reaching our community for Christ.

This season of Lent, I am asking you as the church and I as your pastor to do some spring cleaning of things we need to get rid of and work on rebuilding the church to be the church we are called to be. Will you not only work on old relationships, but also work on new relationships and let us work on rebuilding our temple to be beautiful. On Wednesdays, we will be talking about who we are as the church. If you are one who has not been in an orientation class on the church, then you need to be there. If you already know, this will be a good refresher for you. Also, groups will meet to talk on outreach to our community during this time. And, we will have a revival April 10-13. I hope you will come and be praying for Rev. Eddie Price who will join us Sunday morning through Wednesday evening.

A good cleaning takes work. Will you not join us in this cleaning and rebuilding of our church, United Love Baptist Church?

Rev. Marvin Tyson

WMU of the Cabarrus Baptist Association presents
"The Spring of Hope"
 Friday, March 18 at Crosspointe Baptist Church
 Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Phyllis Elliott Elvington with music by the praise and worship team of Crosspointe. Tickets at \$12.00 each or 2 for \$20.00 are available at the associational office until March 14th. All women are invited to attend and to bring a friend.

From the youth minister...

Hello church!

Attention Caswell Campers! If you are planning on sending your child to Caswell this year, the deposit is due on March 16th. There is a **mandatory** meeting for the parents and students going to Caswell to discuss upcoming fundraisers, to receive your deposit, and to see who all is going. March 16th is the deadline. No one will be added to the list after that day.



I just wanted to let you guys know what is going on for the month of March in ULBC student ministry! Well, for starters, our Wednesday night services have changed a little. We have entitled it as "The Uprising" and will begin incorporating praise and worship music as the new aspect to it. Be in prayer that these students are able to "Rise Up" and reach other teenagers for Christ!

Also, I want to say that I am thankful to be in a church that is so loving and caring. I just wanted to say thank you! I have been here for one year, since February 1st, and have enjoyed every minute of it! I cannot wait to see where God takes us this year! I love you church!

Dates for March:

March 12th – Carwash Fundraiser

March 16th – Caswell Meeting - 7:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

March 18th – Movie Night to see "The Grace Card"

Jesse Herring

Our Church Family



Our new church members are Kelsey Little, Heather Workman, and Rodney Workman. Welcome to the ULBC family!

Christian sympathy is extended to the Rev. Tyson and family at the death of his brother-in-law, Frank Davis.

Congratulations to Matthew, Ashley, Jayden, and Taylor Eudy on the January 21st birth of their daughter and sister, Allison Kendall Eudy. Allison's great-grandmother is Kay Eudy.

Sharon Mann would like to express her gratitude to her loving and caring church family. The love and concern shown to her and her family during their journey over the last year and a half has been what has gotten them through. The cards, calls, visits, baskets of food, and helping hands have all meant so much. Most of all, thank you for your prayers.

Baptist Sharing House Sunday School Challenge

Thank you for your support of the Baptist Sharing House.
Here's how we did for our January 2011 collection:

Baptist Sharing House Hours

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
117 Peachtree Avenue
Concord, NC 28025

Urgent Needs

Canned milk, corn muffin mix, peanut butter, saltine crackers, dried beans, rice, and volunteers

Other Needs

Toothpaste, toothbrushes, corn meal, spaghetti sauce and noodles, macaroni and cheese, 2 lb. bags of sugar

Class	Members Present	# of Items	Percentage
Birth-One	3	9	300%
2's & 3's	1	13	1300%
4's – K	5	5	100%
Grades 1-3	6	0	0%
Grades 4-5	5	7	140%
Youth (6-8)	3	0	0%
Youth (9-12)	4	0	0%
College/Career	2	0	0%
Young Married	10	10	100%
Median Adults	9	0	0%
Koinonia	15	74	493%
Senior Adults	22	148	673%

The results from the February challenge date will be included in the April newsletter.
Sunday, March 27th is this month's collection date.
Will your class be the one with the highest giving percentage?

Our Gifts to United Love

- Jan. 30 Sunday School: 89; Worship: 128
Budget Offering: \$4,262.25
 - Feb. 6 Sunday School: 117; Worship: 179
Budget Offering: \$4,751.79
 - Feb. 13 Sunday School: 121; Worship: 143
Budget Offering: \$3,201.41
 - Feb. 20 Sunday School: 98; Worship: 159
Budget Offering: \$4,215.09
- 2011 Budget Required: \$278,813.03
Weekly Budget Required for 2011 Budget: \$5,361.79
2011 Budget Required through Feb. 20: \$42,894.32
2011 Budget Received through Feb. 20: \$32,171.44
2011 Budget (+ or -) for the year: -\$10,722.88

**Youth Summer Camp at Caswell
Monday, July 25, 2011 through
Saturday, July 30, 2011**

The theme for this year's youth week is assisting students in discovering their true identity. If we are created in the image of God – do we really know what that means?
We will be staying in the residence building Baldhead this year. The cost for the week is \$237.00.
If you plan on attending youth summer camp at Caswell this summer, a non-refundable deposit of \$118.50 is due in the church office by **Wednesday, March 16.**

Celebrating Their Birthday

March 3 – Haley Bass
 March 5 – Amie Coleman
 Caren Gober
 Chris Parks
 March 6 – Al Rasberry
 March 7 – Leah Smith
 March 8 – Megan Peterson
 March 9 – Christina Helms
 March 18 – Brain Ward
 Tom Webb

March 19 – Carsen Masterton
 Patty Loux
 March 20 – Tripp Mabrey
 Shirley Thompson
 March 21 – Lillie Harris
 March 23 – Gloria Mewborn
 March 25 – Doug Flowe
 March 26 – Ashley Webb
 March 27 – Janice Brewer

March 28 – Shayne Hatfield
 Brad Furr
 Doug Hawley
 March 29 – Butch Nicholson
 March 30 – Austin Kee
 March 31 – Clifford Burris
 Meredith Huneycutt
 Kelly McPherson

Celebrating Their Anniversary

March 3 – Tim and Hope Phillips
 March 4 – Jack and Shirley Earley
 March 17 – David and Peggy Barbee
 March 18 – Shaun and Megan Peterson
 March 27 – Steve and Cindy Carter
 March 31 – Coy and Margaret McManus

If your birthday and/or anniversary is not listed or is incorrect, please contact the church office.

Reminders	<p>Deacons will meet Tuesday, March 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room.</p> <p>Baptist Men will meet Saturday, March 5th at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.</p> <p>GO Club will meet Saturday, March 5th at 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall for a covered dish meal and musical entertainment by Staton Boyette.</p> <p>Focus on WMU Sunday will be held Sunday, March 6th. Guest speaker will be Tana Hartsell, WMU Director for the Cabarrus Baptist Association</p> <p>Sunshine Women on Mission will meet Thursday, March 17th to go to the Baptist Sharing House to work.</p> <p>April 2011 – Food Roundup for the Baptist Children’s Homes of NC.</p>
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