



United Love *letters*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | APRIL 2017
UNITED LOVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Children's **GLOW IN THE DARK** Easter Egg Hunt

Friday, April 7 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
in the fellowship hall. Dinner will be provided.
Fun, crafts, and even a visit from
the Easter Bunny.

ULBC Adult Choir and
Creative Movement Team presents

Blessed Dawn

Sunday, April 9 during the
10:30 a.m. worship service.

Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

Easter Sunrise Service with Bethel UMC
Easter Sunday, April 16 at 6:30 a.m.
at Bethel UMC

Easter Sunday Services
Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. followed by our
Easter worship service at 10:30 a.m.

On the Calendar

- Apr 7th - Glow in the Dark
Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr 9th – *Blessed Dawn*;
Ingathering of Our Gifts to the
Annie Armstrong Easter
Offering
- Apr 12th – No Wednesday
Activities
- Apr 13th - Maundy Thursday
Service at 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 15th – GO Club Outing to
Narroway to see *The 4th*
Cross. Meet at the church at
10:30 a.m. to ride the bus and
carpool.
- Apr 16th - Easter Sunrise
Service with Bethel UMC at
6:30 a.m. at Bethel.
- Apr 17th – Church Office
Closed for the Easter Holiday
- April 19th – No Wednesday
Activities
- April 20th – Sunshine Women
on Mission
- April 30th – Sunday Lunch
Youth Caswell Fundraiser

From Our Pastor

Wow!! Can you believe it? It's not a joke – April is here. Oh, April brings in April Fool's Day, but April does fool us in many ways. Just like that, the weather can fool us. Sometimes April weather can be winter cold or it can be summer hot. April is also a time when the devil was fooled. He thought that by having Jesus put on the cross and witnessing God forsake His Only Son on that cross and watching Jesus die on that cross, that he had won the victory. He was fooled into not knowing what God's plan was. You see, that devil got fooled into thinking that Jesus would stay dead, but oh how on that early third day, Jesus came right out of that grave. Not only death, but those guards that were there to keep Jesus' body from coming out of the tomb were not able to stop Jesus from walking out. Boy, the devil was fooled, but that was not the only fooling that took place for him. You see, the devil was fooled, too, because not only did Jesus rise out of the grave, but because of the death and resurrection of Jesus, all of us in our faith in Jesus over came death. I guess you could say Easter in April is really April Fool's Day for the devil.

Now, let us not be fooled by the devil in thinking Easter is just another day. No, it is not just another day nor is each Sunday of the year. Easter and Sunday are days of rejoicing for the victory that we have. This is no joke, it is real. We have victory over all sorrow, pain, and even death because of what Jesus did on that cross and coming out of that grave. In His words, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live."

Yes, with April Fool's Day and the weather of April, we may get fooled, but there is no fooling that in April we are celebrating a Savior and Lord who lives, Jesus. Happy Easter, church family.

Rev. Marvin Tyson

Christian sympathy is extended to Ann, Chris, and Ashley Wilson and families at the death of their son and brother, respectively, Matthew C. Kight.



BCH serves as many as 700,000 meals and snacks throughout the year! Consider that BCH operates care locations in 20 North Carolina communities and you can imagine how much it costs to feed so many. The **Food Roundup** makes it all possible! The needs list is included in this newsletter and is on the church website. Grocery bags are available on the sanctuary hallway table for use in collecting your donations.

ULBC Collection Dates: April 1-23

Please remember that due to licensure regulations, they cannot use food that is outdated. Please check expiration dates and buy food that has the longest shelf life. Your cooperation will assist in making your donations useable.

Please place your donations in the conference room.

Memorial Gifts

Senior Adult Fund

In memory of Paul McManus by John M. Brubaker and Robert and Faye Burgess.

In memory of Matthew Kight by Libby Stegall.

A/V System Fund

In memory of Matthew Kight by Randy and Janet Durn, Jason A. Franklin, Ralph and Bobbie Morgan and family, and Dan and Joan Hargett.

From Your Minister of Music

For you are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.

1 Thessalonians 5:5

We look forward to the presentation of "Blessed Dawn" by the ULBC choir on April 9th. One song particularly stands out ... "Then Came the Morning."

*Then came the morning;
night turned into day,
The stone was rolled away,
hope rose with the dawn!
Then came the morning;
shadows vanished before the sun.
Death had lost and life had won,
for morning had come!*

Hallelujah! When God brought Jesus out of that tomb, the darkness was dispelled. The SON was brilliant with life and light. When Jesus changes a heart, another dark soul is brought forth from the night into the light of day! I know, because He did it for me! He rolled that stone of sin away, replacing it with the freedom of life and hope. Morning came into my life.

Don't miss the message of "Blessed Dawn." You will be reminded in a beautiful way of what it means to be a Christian, and of the challenge we face each day to live as children of light.

Happy Easter ... and see you in worship!

Rev. Rodney A. Hughes, DD

P.S. – Share the information about this program with others.

From our Youth Minister

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10

April = Spring. Spring = More daylight, outdoor activities, BBQ's and a bit of freshening up around our spaces. Yes, spring cleaning fever has rested on my doorstep. It's amazing how one project leads to another that leads to another. Seeing a cleaning project complete stirs up two things for me: a sense of accomplishment that something looks organized and put together, along with a little shame that it looked like it did for so long. We all have those places that are catch-alls in our homes, unfinished projects. And the places we throw things when company's coming, shut the door and forbid anyone in the family to open until the guests leave.

Our Christian walk is that way sometimes. We have areas of our lives we shove in a corner and tell the Lord we'll get to it later or promise him we'll visit that cluttered mess another time. Maybe it's a relationship or a bad habit we close the door on and walk away. Sometimes, the Lord speaks to me in these areas through quiet times of prayer with him. Other times, he sends a message through conversations with folks or in a time of worship. Where does he speak to you in matters of spring cleaning your spiritual walk? Spring cleaning, physically and spiritually, is dirty, sweaty, tiring and sometimes smelly but in the end, it's worth it all – with the spiritual outcome more glorious than we can ever imagine.

Tammy Melton

Sunshine Women on Mission will meet Thursday, April 20 at 10:30 a.m. at the church. Guest speaker will be from CVAN. Mission project is a shower for CVAN (paper towels, cleaning supplies, laundry supplies, sheets, etc.) Please bring covered dishes to share in a time of fellowship following the meeting.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 – Thomas Benton
3 – Lisa Smith
4 – Johnny Smith
6 – Bethany Gober
7 – Grayson Huneycutt; Chris Furr
8 – Lynn Flowe
9 – Kaitlyn Mullis
10 – Bud Williams
11 – Leroy Haigler; Brent Sebold
12 – Amy Cook
13 – Clay Hatfield
18 – Janet Stevens; Miah Zimmer
20 – Tim Cook
21 – Ryan Collins
22 – Chris Allen
26 – Rodney Workman; Eudenia Hilton
27 – Kristie Alexander
29 – Christi Carter

1 – John and Mary Earley
6 – Ben and Mary Anne Capel
12 – Glenn and Rhonda Benton
14 – Mike and Bonnie Gardner
20 – Ted and Heather Park
26 – Chris and Heather Allen
27 – Brian and Tammy Ward

Our Gifts to ULBC

Sunday, March 5

Sunday School: 62; Worship: 119
Budget: \$3,952.50
Annie Armstrong: \$35.00

Sunday, March 12

Sunday School: 47; Worship: 64
Budget: \$11,854.00
Annie Armstrong: \$20.00
Youth Fund: \$500.00
Children's Fund: \$500.00

Sunday, March 19

Sunday School: 80; Worship: 128
Budget: \$3,576.00
Annie Armstrong: \$60.00

Sunday, March 26

Sunday School: 67; Worship: 115
Budget: \$5,600.00
Annie Armstrong: \$95.00
A/V System: \$40.00
Senior Adult Fund: \$30.00

Budget Required Weekly: \$5,112.38

Budget Required Through March 26:
\$66,460.94

Budget Received Through March 26:
\$63,692.60

2017 Budget (+ or -): -\$2,768.34

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