

United Love *letters*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | UNITED LOVE
BAPTIST CHURCH
JANUARY 2017

January 2017 Worship Notes

New Year's Day Worship

Joint Sunday school classes at 9:30 a.m. Adults will meet together in the senior adult classroom and be taught by Jack Crabtree. Tammy Melton will teach grades 1-12 in the youth room. Children birth through K will go to their regular classes. Worship at 10:30 a.m. – Eleven Hours Into the New Year (Ephesians 5:13-17)

January Sermon Series - Boot Camp For a Better You

January 8: Get Your Mind Right (Romans 12:2)

January 15: Moving Forward (Philippians 2:13-14)

January 22: Looking at the Good, Not the Bad (Psalm 65:11)

January 29: What's Stopping You? (Jeremiah 29:11)
The Observance of the Lord's Supper

Read Through the Bible in 2017

The church family is challenged to read through the Bible in 2017. A reading plan is available on the sanctuary tables or you may use your favorite reading plan.

On the Calendar

- Jan 2nd - Church office closed for the New Year's holiday
- Jan 6th – GO Club outing to Breakfast Time, Kannapolis. Meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. to car pool or at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m.
- Jan 9th – Deacons meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Jan 18th – Women's Wednesday Bible Study *Seamless* by Angie Smith begins.
- Jan 19th - Sunshine Women on Mission meeting at 10:30 a.m. at the church. Mission project is bagging beans and rice for the Sharing House. Please bring covered dishes to share in a time of fellowship.
- Jan 29th - The Observance of the Lord's Supper; Baptist Sharing House Collection

From Your Pastor

Happy New Year, church family. Ready to walk into that new door of the new year? 2017 is here. 2016 is now going into the past. My January sermons are what I am calling "Spiritual Boot Camp For Your Life." I am going to share in my messages how you can better your lives and get you moving forward into 2017 as a better you. Is that what you want? I know I want to be a better person, a happier person, and one that the joy of the Lord comes out in all that I do. Is this not what you want? Let's make a commitment to be in church this January and grow together in the Lord. Again, Happy New Year.

Love to you.

Rev. Marvin Tyson

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Complacency Exposed: Malachi

How Have You Loved Us?
(Malachi 1:1-5)

How Have We Despised
Your Name?
(Malachi 1:6-2:9)

Why Are We Unfaithful to One
Another? (Malachi 2:10-16)

Where Is the God of Justice?
(Malachi 2:17-3:5)

How Can We Return?
(Malachi 3:6-12)

What Have We Spoken Against
You? (Malachi 3:13-4:6)

New To Our Family

Happy New Year! 2017 is fresh and new with limitless possibilities.

I'm like a kid at Christmastime when I look toward each new year, peering around with wonder and anticipation with dreams to dream in hopes of making some a reality, new friends to be made and how, oh how, will the Lord use me this year!

Gary and I are excited to begin 2017 with a new church family who has been so gracious and kind to us already. In the short time we have been here, we have enjoyed meaningful worship on Sunday mornings with lively conversation during Sunday school. Wednesday nights have given us wonderful food and fellowship with everyone before going to our respective places. The students have captured my heart as they welcomed me into their world. They are a vibrant group and their love for one another is evident ... and, they're pretty good at Bible trivia, too!

It's tough being a teenager and my desire is to nurture the environment where students feel safe and comfortable, where they can ask questions about life, faith, God or anything else that plays on their hearts and minds. We're going to have fun learning about the Lord and seeking His direction. We're going to serve others and we're going to build memories together. Through all of this, my prayer is that Jesus' light in us will attract other students/families to ULBC who will come to know the Lord and/or strengthen their walk with Him. I'm so excited!!!

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

Tammy Melton

ULBC Youth Minister

From Your Minister of Music

The Afterglow

*The greeting cards and carols have ended,
The glad celebrations have ceased
With the Angels ascended to heaven,
The Wise Men returned to the East.
But the light that once shown on a manger
Still brightens the world from afar,
And listening hearts still hear angels,
and wise men still follow a star.
– Ellis Rowsey*

So the gray skies of January are upon us.
But those of us who know the Lord, know
to face each day with excitement. God is
always doing something, and we are
challenged to a part of it! May we begin
2017 with anticipation of God's plan, and
the part He has for us in that plan!

*See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up;
Do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.
Isaiah 43:19*

See you in worship.

Rev. Rodney A. Hughes, DD

January Birthdays

3 – Bonnie Gardner
4 – Libby Stegall
5 – Rebecca Flowe; Tracy Collins
6 – Barry Lanham; Susan Gettis;
Paul McManus
8 – Fallon Parks
11 – Peggy Seamone
13 – Andrew Jones; Braden Jones
15 – Sue Deese
16 – Polly Mullis
19 – Kirk Flowe
20 – Steve Carter; Maranda Benton;
Salma VanDyke
21 – Christopher Estridge
22 – Kloe Ward
23 – Wayne Allen
24 – Carolyn Greene
25 – Kelsey Little
27 – Cindy Benton; Amanda Gemmell
29 – Amanda Braswell Huntley;
Cindy Carter
30 – Madison Almond
31 – Elizabeth Jones

January Anniversaries

10 – Jim and Jo Ann Phillips

Assigned offering envelopes for 2017 are available on the sanctuary hallway table. If you would like a box of envelopes and have not been assigned one, please contact the church office. Please remember that in order to receive contribution credit, your gift must be in an envelope that is clearly marked with your name and amount enclosed. If your gift is for a designated offering, please make sure that your envelope is clearly marked with the fund that it is designated for.

Church Family Updates

- Congratulations to Kayla Lawson and Brent Sebold who were united in marriage on Saturday, December 10, 2016.
- Christian sympathy is extended to Lois Hoggard and Tommy Thompson at the death of their sister, Lillie Mae Thompson Shaver and to Jerry and Sue Deese at the death of their granddaughter, Samantha Price.
- Our new church members are Gary and Tammy Melton. Welcome to the ULBC family!

Our Gifts to United Love

Sunday, November 27

Sunday School: 68; Worship: 137
Budget: \$3,928.00
Flag Project: \$50.00
Baptist Children's Homes: \$10.00

Sunday, December 4

Sunday School: 64; Worship: 132
Budget: \$7,019.00
Flag Project: \$145.00
Baptist Children's Homes: \$225.00
Lottie Moon: \$65.00

Sunday, December 11

Sunday School: 78; Worship: 176
Budget: \$3,668.00
Lottie Moon: \$87.00

Sunday, December 18

Sunday School: 82; Worship: 156
Budget: \$4,609.00
Baptist Children's Homes: \$100.00
Lottie Moon: \$835.00

Budget Required Weekly: \$4,876.65
Budget Required Through Dec. 18:
\$248,709.15
Budget Received Through Dec. 18:
\$253,058.17
2016 Budget (+ or -): +4,349.02

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