

From The Deacons: *Deacon nominations will be taken in June.* It's hard to believe it is time again to elect new deacons. Nomination forms will be in the bulletin the first week of June and in the sanctuary foyer for the remainder of June. Please place your nomination form in the Offering Plate or the Giving Center Box. We appreciate your prayerful consideration as you make your nominations.

Addison Simmons Memorial Piano: At our April church conference, we decided that it was time to replace our piano. Addison would have graduated this year, so to remember her, we decided to invite people to donate to the piano in her memory. If you would like to contribute, please note “piano fund” on your envelope. Since this will be ongoing, we will not send out letters of acknowledgement unless donations are given from someone outside the church.

Church Conference will be held on Wednesday, June 18th at 7 pm. Please make plans to attend.



Matthew 6:11: “Give us this day our daily bread” will be our theme verse as we learn important lessons in our “Food Truck Party VBS!” We will explore such stories as God sending manna in the wilderness, a widow who has very little flour and oil left, Daniel going on a vegetable diet, Jesus feeding the multitude, and Jesus helping the disciples catch a boatload of fish. Invite your grandchildren and neighborhood kids ages 5-12. It will be held on Saturday, June 21st, from 9am – 12pm. If you are interested in helping, please contact Julie Striplin.

Children’s Church (Ages 3 to 10)	
June 1 st	Marianne Casas
June 8 th	Cindy Clark
June 15 th	Julie Striplin
June 22 nd	Kathy Horton
June 29 th	Lisa Young



June Birthdays

6/5
6/16
6/28

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On Pentecost Sunday, we remember the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit in a special way. The story in Acts 2 describes a powerful wind and tongues of fire as the Holy Spirit was poured out on people from all over the world who came to Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish feast. At the first Pentecost over 3000 people were baptized, creating the first church. This is why Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Christian church.

The word Pentecost comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth. The Jewish Festival of Pentecost falls on the fiftieth day after the original Passover. On that day, God gave the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. The Christian festival of Pentecost falls on the 50th day after the resurrection of Jesus.

Wearing red on Pentecost is a great tradition: it's an outward sign of the inward transformation by the Holy Spirit in each of our hearts. As “tongues of fire” came to rest on these disciples on that first Pentecost long ago, we gather together and then leave still blazing with the fire of hope God offers all through God’s Spirit.

A Word from the Pastor

Most of us don't like something about ourselves — usually something we had nothing to do with or can do nothing about. Such as: "Why can't I be taller, skinnier, better-looking? Why couldn't I have been born rich? Why couldn't I have been born in another place, or another time? Why couldn't I have a more pleasant singing voice or a better jump shot?" You might be dissatisfied with the raw material you were given to work with, but the Bible says that God made you just as you are, and he specifically had you in mind at the time.

Here's how David expressed it. *You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous — and how well I know it. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. How precious are your thoughts about me, O God! (Psalm 139:13-17)*

Abraham Lincoln said, "It is difficult to make a man miserable when he feels worthy of himself and claims kindred to the great God who made him." Do you remember the gospel story of the man born blind? Jesus was asked who was at fault — the blind man or his parents? Jesus said, *"Neither this man nor his parents sinned. This happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life."* (John 9:2) Instead of grumbling about who you are, take some time to thank God for how he created you. He chose your parents, your birthday, your physical attributes, your talents, your intellectual capacity — you are just as he wanted you to be. He even knows about your weaknesses and limitations.

Just like the man who received the gift of sight, remember that you are who you are so that, somehow, God's work can be displayed in your life. That's what he had in mind when he created you. How might you display his work today?

Grace and Peace,
Adam

Happy Father's Day! The Women on Mission are honoring all Union Cross Baptist Men by serving breakfast on Father's Day, June 15th from 9am – 9:45am in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to join.



Prayer Concerns: Darrell Beaver, Ellen Bobbitt, Ellen Cook, Bobby & Irene Cheek, Marty & Judy Daniels, Ann Huth, Laura (friend of Kathy Mills), Delbert & Becky Lauten, Jr. (Delbert Parkinson's), Ritchie Longworth, Juan & Lidia Mendoza (neighbors of Hal & Melissa Little), Ron Mills, Murl Moore (Stoney & Becky's neighbor), Derek Reavis (friend of Mark Reavis), and two unspoken prayers.

Financial Summary

	May 4 th	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 2,298.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 470.43
Total Offering		\$ 2,768.43
	May 11 th	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 3,465.79
Designated Gifts		\$ 2,080.46
Total Offering		\$ 5,546.36
	May 18 th	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 1,595.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 270.00
Total Offering		\$ 1,865.00
	May 25 th	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 3,035.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 1,030.26
Total Offering		\$ 4,065.26

General Fund

April General Fund Receipts	\$ 14,752.00
April General Fund Expenses	-\$ 18,329.00
April General Fund Net	\$ 3,577.00
April Fund Balance	\$ 93,603.03



Women on Mission ladies had their May email meeting on May 8, 2025.

May WOM ACTIVITIES:

Hospice Ministry Note: Snack donations continued for both WS & HP Hospice Homes.

One of our WOM members recently received a certificate & acknowledgement from Hospice of the Piedmont in High Point

for the most volunteer hours served during the past year. Congratulations to Ann Canada!!!

During May a couple of meals were prepared & delivered as part of our ongoing Inward Meals.

May Mission Projects and Outreach—Members voted & approved the following:

- Numerous donations of canned fruit & vegetables, along with fruit juice & laundry detergent were delivered to the Baptist Children's Home at the end of their annual food roundup. Thank you to everyone who participated.
- \$400 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.
- \$200 to the Shriner's Children Hospital during their matching campaign.
- \$64 was spent on body wash and \$160 to purchase Bibles for 48 youngsters as part of the Appalachian Backpack Christmas Outreach Ministry.
- \$300 for Crisis Control health care bags containing 9 different types of items. These will be given to the clients through their pharmacy who are in need of these specific health care articles. A greeting card with words of love & encouragement were written & accompanied each of the bags.
- On Saturday May 17th, 7 WOM members met at the church to make Salvation bracelets for both the Appalachian Backpacks & the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Over 100 were made in about 2 hours! Thank you to Melissa & Jill for heading up this project and a special thank you to those who participated in this hands-on creative event.
- Melissa has also been hard at work sewing girls' dresses & making other jewelry for OCC & Jean is involved with another sewing group making items for various charities.

Upcoming Events:

- Another craft making day is being planned.
- June 11th - WOM ladies will be preparing & serving Father's Day breakfast from 9am to 9:45am. Everyone is invited to come for a time of food & fellowship.

New opportunities for outreach through our Women on Mission projects are encountered regularly & it is with prayer, commitment & a desire to help that enables us to be successful with those endeavors. Touching lives cannot be measured in dollar amounts but instead can be measured by illustrating to others that we truly care for them as UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE. -- Jane Sutphin