

**Happy Mother's Day!** Join us for a special breakfast as we honor all our UCBC women on Mother's Day! The Baptist Men will be serving doughnuts, muffins, fruit, coffee, and juice on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00am in the fellowship hall.

**Calling all Graduates!** We will recognize high school and college Graduates on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Please send the following information to the church email [ucbaptist@bellsouth.net](mailto:ucbaptist@bellsouth.net) by May 18<sup>th</sup>: graduate's name, school/institution, degree earned, future plans, and whether you will be able to attend our Graduation.

**Scholarship: Attention, graduates planning to enroll** in college or community college this fall! If you are active in the life of the church and are a member or a child of an active member who financially supports the church on a regular basis, you are eligible to apply for our scholarship. You will need to fill out an application form, write a personal letter of request, and provide a copy of your acceptance letter. Please call or email the church office to request the application form and submission instructions. Deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Children's Church - Ages 3 to 10**

May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robin French
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Kathy Horton
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Lisa Young
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Susie Hilton
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Julie Striplin



**May Birthdays**

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| 5/2  | Pam Napier      |
| 5/11 | Tracy Ward      |
| 5/20 | Cheyenne Hurley |
| 5/27 | Sylvia Phillips |
| 5/29 | Aubree Phillips |
| 5/30 | Jennifer Weavil |
| 5/31 | Patsy Barringer |

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Return Service Requested

Dr. Adam Woods  
 Mrs. Gayle Smith  
 Rev. Marty Daniels  
 Mrs. Angie Weavil  
 Mrs. Sara VonCannon  
 Mrs. Teresa Tucker

Pastor  
 Music Director  
 Minister of Education  
 Organist  
 Pianist  
 Office Administrator

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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

Someone once said, "Where there is a hill to climb, don't think that waiting will make it any smaller." Waiting, in fact, tends to give hills the time they need to become mountains. For every challenge that becomes manageable by the benefit of procrastination, 99 just got bigger. There are items that were on everyone's to-do list last week that didn't get done. Things important but not urgent. They didn't get done because that dreadful, demanding, *last-minute* hasn't confronted us yet. But you know, and I know, these items could have been — and should have been — marked off the list. It has been said that postponement is the father of failure. It's also the best friend of mediocrity. The things that we postpone most often are the things that define the line between surviving and thriving — the things that mark the difference between seeking out an ordinary existence and experiencing the fullness of the abundant life.

This includes getting serious about a closer walk with Christ, following through on a ministry opportunity, putting a business idea into action, taking steps to live a healthier lifestyle, and making an effort to strengthen a struggling relationship. The only thing that stands between you and God's blessing in any of these areas is inertia. The sooner you move, the sooner the windows of heaven can open.

Joshua once asked the people of Israel, "*How long will you wait before you begin to take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, has given you?*" He then outlined a simple action plan to follow for their progress. His idea worked. Maybe we should follow Joshua's example. You might have 50 things nagging you right now; there's no way you can get to all of them this week, but you can knock out one or two. Take a look at your list. Which items represent a "possession" that you are certain God wants you to take — a victory you are certain he wants you to claim? Put it at the top of your list this week. Scratch out an action plan that moves you in this direction. And then, take the first step. Waiting won't make the hill any smaller, but start moving in its direction, and you'll discover the hill doesn't look nearly as big up close as it did from a distance.

Grace and Peace  
Adam

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Roger Burnett (Lisa Young's father), Marianne Casas' father, Ellen Cook, Bobby & Irene Cheek, Jr. Clodfelter, Marty & Judy Daniels, Ann Huth, Laura Boers (friend of Kathy Mills), Ritchie & Stoney Longworth, Juan & Lidia Mendoza (neighbors of Hal & Melissa Little), Ron Mills, Ron & Doris Pinyan, Derek Reavis (friend of Mark Reavis), and unspoken prayers.

We extend our Christian sympathy to Tony Davis on the passing of his father, Bob Davis. Please keep Tony and his family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

### Financial Summary

	April 5, 2026	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 3,775.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 155.00
Total Offering		\$ 3,930.00
	April 12, 2026	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 2,300.00
Designated Gifts		\$10,135.00
Total Offering		\$12,435.00
	April 19, 2026	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 9,270.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 1,310.00
Total Offering		\$10,580.00
	<u>General Fund</u>	
March General Fund Receipts		\$ 19,333.25
March General Fund Expenses		-\$ 21,269.78
March General Fund Net		-\$ 1,936.53
March Fund Balance		\$110,336.07



### APRIL 2026 WOM ACTIVITIES:

**Hospice Ministry Note:** Donations continued to both WS & HP Hospice Home locations.

**Inward Meals:** A meal from WOM was prepared during the month.

### April Mission Projects & Outreach—Members voted & approved the following:

- \$28 to purchase 48 bars of soap for the Appalachian Backpacks
- \$100 transfer to Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- \$10 for postage for Easter cards to our shut-ins, but Ann generously donated a roll of stamps
- \$40 for the Ladies Fellowship Event speaker honorarium
- \$164 for gift items for the Family Room Foster Care Resource Center
- \$100 for additional toys/gifts for the Appalachian Backpacks if needed

### **Updates:**

- ❖ Desserts delivered to Union Cross School for their Spring Fling Cake Walk – they had requested at least 25 & thanks to the outpouring from WOM ladies, **we sent 47!**
- ❖ Congregational donations for the Baptist Children's Home for the Annual Food Roundup generated 100 items.
- ❖ 24 baby gifts were sent to Room at the Inn using WOM funds; WOM members (*along with donations from Charlene & Jim's daughter Jordan & Lisa Young's daughter Amanda*) another 53 gifts were donated; & Triad Woman's Club (*of which Jill is president*) joined in with us with an additional 145 items!
- ❖ A financial donation was given to WOM by a business acquaintance of Leesa Russell, along with an accompanying heartwarming story.
- ❖ Praises were recently sent to UCBC by a former church attendee for the wonderful newsletter messages provided by Adam, for continued expression of dedication provided with consistent financial contributions by church members & admiration for the WOM mission work, along with encouragement for UCBC to keep up the good work!

We often hear "Don't sweat the small stuff", but with WOM sometimes it is the small stuff that makes such an impact on someone's life. With each project & each dollar given or spent, careful consideration is rendered accompanied by earnest thoughts & prayers. It is always our intent to truly express this sentiment as **UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE.** --Jane Sutphin

### ***UNION CROSS BAPTIST CHURCH LADIES FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY, MAY 17@ 2:00***

**Ladies, come join us for fellowship, inspiration, fun,  
door prizes, and refreshments!**

Feel free to wear a hat, but hat or no hat, you will be welcome.

**Special Guest Speaker - Emma Skinner**

We will be collecting donations for the Family Room Foster Care Resource Room. You are encouraged to bring new or gently used thin short-sleeve PJs for size 2T & up (*older kids are in need PJs too*), & wipes.

**Reservations are requested to enable us to properly plan for the event. Please call or text Jane Sutphin (336-414-1143) or Beverly Weavil (336-971-0966) by May 13<sup>th</sup> if you can attend and how many ladies will be attending with you.**

