

Crisis Control Food Drive

CC Food Drive will be held at the UC Food Lion on Saturday, Oct. 11th. from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Canned meats are the items of the month (salmon, tuna, corned beef, etc.) We will postpone if it rains.



IT’S ALL ABOUT JESUS! Children all over the world are learning about the Gospel of Jesus Christ & committing their lives to Christ through Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. But these shoeboxes are not just gifts. Children receive literature with their shoeboxes & some are invited back for a discipleship program. Empty shoeboxes will be available to grab on Oct. 5th. If you can’t fill a whole box, grab some items & place them in the empty box in the vestibule or you can give me money & I will go shopping for you. **NEW THIS YEAR: NO SOAP** (along with anything liquid, camouflage, war-related, food, or candy)! Get your friends & families involved. The most important thing to do before you turn in your shoebox is to pray over your box & that child. By filling shoeboxes, we are tangibly fulfilling the Great Commission. *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations.” – Matthew 28:19*
-Jill Sutphin, UCBC WOM OCC Project Leader

Children’s Church - Ages 3 to 10

October 5 th	Lisa Young
October 12 th	Susan Hilton
October 19 th	Robin French
October 26 th	Marianne Casas



October Birthdays

10/2	Trevor Ward
10/5	Amy Turner, Tina Church
10/7	Dennis Hester
10/8	Michael Buckner
10/12	Jake Weavil
10/13	Kathy Idol
10/26	Ann Canada
10/27	Durham Clodfelter
10/28	Angie Weavil

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Homecoming is on October 19th. This year will be a little bit different. Instead of having a specific speaker, we will be looking back and celebrating all the folks that God has used to “build” Union Cross Baptist Church. Our main focus will be on our charter members. This year’s “Homecoming Offering” will go to the building fund. We are researching the building of covered entrances to aid in dropping off and picking up worshippers when we have rainy weather. Lunch will follow the service in the fellowship hall. Please bring your favorite dish or dessert to share. We hope you will join us!

A Word from the Pastor

In the gospel of John, Jesus said, “All those who want to be my disciples must come and follow me, because my servants must be where I am.” (John 12:26 NLT) This phrase caught my attention: “My servants must be where I am.” Most of the time, I’m asking Jesus to be where I am. And, of course, we know he is with us everywhere, always. But here, he’s asking us to be where he is ... that is, to go where he goes.

Where does Jesus go? We learn from the gospels that he goes to the lonely, the hurt, and the oppressed. He reaches out to those who are struggling with defeat and yearning for victory. He’s there for the one who has nowhere else to turn. And that’s where he wants us to be.

We are where he is when we encourage the discouraged, when we lift up the disenchanting and the disenfranchised, and when we serve those who have been overlooked. You don’t have to travel far to be where he is. Maybe even no further than those nearest you: your friends, your neighbors, your colleagues. He’s inviting you today to be with him ... with them. There you’ll find an opportunity to express his love and to make his mercy known.

Grace and Peace
Adam

Financial Summary

	September 7, 2025	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 3,070.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 485.56
Total Offering		\$ 3,555.56

	September 14, 2025	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 1,603.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 200.00
Total Offering		\$ 1,803.00

	September 21, 2025	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 3,383.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 305.00
Total Offering		\$ 3,688.00

General Fund

August General Fund Receipts	\$16,993.00
August General Fund Expenses	-\$18,715.40
August General Fund Net	-\$ 1,722.40
August Fund Balance	\$97,795.14



Women on Mission ladies had their September email meeting on August 26, 2025, with another special called meeting on September 4th to discuss one more mission outreach project.

SEPTEMBER WOM ACTIVITIES:

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

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

- \$45.03 of WOM funds for the Disaster Relief mission project led by Jean on Sept 13th with 7 WOM members participating. 20 laundry bags and 57 lunch bags were decorated for on-site victims & workers & these will be distributed on-site by Baptists on Mission volunteers.
- Candy was purchased for the Appalachian Backpacks, but the cost is not yet available.
- Canned food for the Appalachian Backpacks was donated by church members during the month, and WOM funds will be used if there is a shortage to meet the number required.
- \$400 to purchase registry items for Comfort Cases, which provides backpacks for children entering foster care throughout the USA. The backpack is filled with things like baby bibs & wipes, a pair of PJ’s/lounge pants, a fleece blanket, etc. — just something for a child to call their own as they are uprooted from the only home environment they know & suddenly placed in foster care. A \$100 check was also sent to help with other organizational expenses.
- \$200 for Next Step Ministries urgent wish list. Lisa C shopped for this project & purchased 68 items totaling only \$200.10!
- Approved providing an appreciation home-cooked breakfast for the 65 staff members at Union Cross Elementary School & 9 WOM ladies participated. Thank you cards were also given to each school staff member. Expenses known to date are \$261.98. A big thank you to each lady who participated, as the project proved to be quite an undertaking for us.
- WOM meeting date is being changed from the 1st Wednesday of each month to the twenty-second or twenty-third of the preceding month.

I know I have previously mentioned the Chinese Proverb meaning of “Crisis” but I feel it is still so true for WOM that I am going to emphasize it again this month. The word “Crisis” is the same word as “Opportunity”. Perfect example of our WOM

undertakings—our opportunity to help others as UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE. --Jane Sutphin

World Communion Sunday is October 5th. For nearly 80 years, churches of different faith groups have joined together for World Communion Sunday. Currently, this day is commemorated by 38 different Christian traditions. These various groups each celebrate the day in their own ways and through their own traditions, but even though they’re in different settings, everyone gathers together, at least figuratively, around the Lord’s Table. Christian unity, specifically symbolized by the act of Communion, is the focal point of World Communion Sunday. This provides us with a powerful reminder that we’re one in Christ despite our differences.

ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND.

All Saints’ Day is the day Christians give thanks for all the good people God has placed in their lives, especially those who are already with God in heaven. It is also a day when Christians give thanks for the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives and in the lives of all people. It is not because people are special in and of themselves that we call them saints, but it is because they are ordinary, everyday people who allow the Holy Spirit to work through them, doing the mighty deeds of the Lord. Martin Luther writes, “the Holy Scriptures call Christians saints and the people of God. To forget that we are saints is to forget Christ and to forget our baptism.” All Saints is a day for remembering and giving thanks, as Christians remember the good people they have known and give thanks for the unending goodness of God. We will be remembering those we lost in our church family since last All Saints’ Sunday.



Prayer Concerns: Darrell Beaver, Ellen Bobbitt, Roger Burnett (Lisa Young’s father), Marianne Casas’ father, Ellen Cook, Bobby & Irene Cheek, Marty & Judy Daniels, Ann Huth, Laura Boers (friend of

Kathy Mills), Delbert & Becky Lauten, Jr. (Delbert Parkinson’s), Ritchie Longworth, Doris Pinyan, Juan & Lidia Mendoza (neighbors of Hal & Melissa Little), Ron Mills, Ron Pinyan, Derek Reavis (friend of Mark Reavis), Russell Yokeley, and several unspoken prayers.