Happy Mother's Day! We are honoring all UCBC women by providing doughnuts, coffee, and juice on Mother's Day, Sunday May 11th at 9am in the fellowship hall.

Sisters In Christ Craft Day on Saturday, May 3rd at 10am. We will be making Mother's Day flowerpots. You will need to bring your own real or artificial flowers. If you use artificial bring 8-10 bundles. Bring wire cutters and scissors if you have them. Also, bring a tube of lipstick. Please sign-up in the sanctuary foyer by April 27th.

Calling all Graduates! We will recognize high school and college graduates on May 18th. Please send the following information to the church email ucbaptist@bellsouth.net by May 11th with: graduates name, school/institution, degree, plans for the future, and whether or not you will be able to attend our Graduation.

Scholarship: Attention graduates who are 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 a copy of your acceptance letter. Please call or email the church office to request the application form and submission instructions. Deadline is June 8th.

Children's Church - Ages 3 to 10

| May 4 th | Robin French | |
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| May 11 th | Susan Hilton | |
| May 18 th | Kathy Horton | |
| May 25 th | Lisa Young | |



May Birthdays

5/11 Tracy Ward Chevenne Hurley 5/20 5/27 Sylvia Phillips Aubree Phillips 5/29 5/30 Jennifer Weavil

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As I Watch My Children

Dear God, as I sit and watch my children play, I wonder will they serve you someday? Will they see the love I have for you, or turn their backs on a God that's true?

Dear God, as I sit and watch my children play, I wonder have I done my job today? To help them grow to serve the Lord and realize life is more than games and toys?

Dear God, as I sit and watch my children play, I realize they'll be gone someday into a world where Satan lives, and I won't be there to dry their tears.

Please, Dear God, hear my prayer today. Help them never go astray. You promised, Lord, if I served you that you would save my household too.

Dear God, at seventeen, he's almost grown; at fourteen, she's coming right along; at two, he's learning right from wrong; and just beginning, he's my newborn.

Dear Lord, I've done my very best. Help them stand every test. I wrote this poem that they may see just how much God means to me.

--Doris Pinyan

A Word from the Pastor

When Jack Canfield was trying to get *Chicken Soup for the Soul* off the ground, he asked a number of best-selling authors and publishing experts how he should go about it. He received more advice than he could possibly act on -- he was overwhelmed with possibilities, and he had no idea where to start.

Then a man named Ron Scolastico told him, "If you would go to a very large tree and take five swings at it with a very sharp ax, eventually, no matter how large the tree, it would have to come down."

Out of this advice Canfield developed what he called The Rule of Five: every day he did five specific things that moved him toward the goal of getting *Chicken Soup* on the best seller list. He might do five radio interviews or send out five review copies or call five bookstores, and on and on.

Eventually the ax felled the tree; two years after the book came out, it made the New York Times best seller list, where it stayed for many months.

Where can you apply the rule of five in your life? Can you make a five-minute phone call of encouragement to one of your leaders every day? Or send five 'thank-you' emails each morning? Or read five pages of a book each day? Or review five memory verses?

As you survey the areas of your life that present the greatest opportunities for growth, think about how you can apply Canfield's Rule of Five. How can you take five strong swings at the tree day after day?

Solomon said, "He who works his land will have abundant food." (Proverbs 12:11) The rule of five is a great way to start working your land.

Grace and Peace, Adam



Financial Summary

| | April 6, 2025 | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Undesignated Gifts | • | \$2,270.00 |
| Designated Gifts | | \$ 176.80 |
| Total Offering | | \$2,446.80 |
| | April 13, 2025 | |
| Undesignated Gifts | | \$3,557.00 |
| Designated Gifts | | \$ 385.00 |
| Total Offering | | \$3,942.00 |
| | General Fund | |
| March General Fund Receipts | | \$14,714.50 |
| March General Fund Expenses | | -\$14,358.12 |
| March General Fund Net | | \$ 356.38 |
| March Fund Balance | | \$97.180.03 |



Women on Mission ladies had their April email meeting on April 1, 2025.

APRIL WOM ACTIVITIES:

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

<u>April Mission Projects and Outreach—Members voted</u> & approved the following:

- Inward Meals Delivered food to a couple of our members.
- \$800 to Baptist Children's Home in Thomasville for the sole purpose of helping with grocery store expenses for their annual Food Roundup & also opened up to the congregation the collection of canned fruit, fruit juice & laundry detergent.
- \$41 for the purchase of 48 bars of soap for the Appalachian Backpack Ministry.
- \$150 to \$250 for additional gifts for the Appalachian Backpack Ministry.
- \$200 for baby formula, diapers & baby wipes for the upcoming Fox8 Community Baby Shower for mothers

- in crisis situations. Also, some of the WOM members purchased additional baby gifts for this project.
- Delivered Easter crafts/gifts & cards to the 57 Bradford Village West residents.
- Prepared & mailed Easter cards to several members or their relatives whom we thought would enjoy receiving a card.

"Actions speak louder than words" we have heard so many times. With WOM that is especially true—we do not just talk about missions—we do missions! It is always our intent every month to help as many people possible with our projects & pray that others will feel some joy in their lives by our donations as **UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE**. --Jane Sutphin



This Memorial Day we will have a special time during the service to remember those who are no longer with us but served our country. If you have a family member or friend you would like to honor, we encourage you to bring a 4x6 photo of them. We will have a special board for you to display the picture. During the service there will be an opportunity to lift up the names of those we remember who served our country.



PRAYER CONCERNS: Ellen Bobbitt, Ellen Cook, Bobby & Irene Cheek, Rex Church (John Church's brother), 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), and Derek Reavis (friend of Mark Reavis).

Our deepest sympathies are expressed to Mark Reavis in the passing of his brother, Dickie. Please keep Mark and the Reavis family in your prayers.