

Baptist Missions Conference

The conference will be at Calvary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem on March 14th-15th. Speakers include Anne Graham Lotz, Tom Richter, Sheila Walsh, Lee Strobel, Jennifer Rothschild and Kyle Idleman. Worship will be led by Michael O'Brien. Special features include 100 different breakout sessions, Friday missions supper, mission testimonies, mission exhibits and much more. Friday and Saturday \$20, Friday and Saturday with Friday supper \$32. (Cost includes General sessions, breakout sessions, event materials and lunch on Saturday.) Please call 919-459-5596 if you have any questions. Preregistration is required. Registration deadline: March 1, 2025

Souper Bowl Luncheon

On Sunday, February 9th we will have a luncheon after worship. Please bring soup, salad or sandwiches. Sisters in Christ will have desserts for sale for a donation.

Senior Moments Highlights

The Seniors will be having a Salad and Soup luncheon at 10:45 am on Thursday, 27th here at the church. Join them for good food, fun, and fellowship.

Children’s Church - Ages 3 to 10

February 2 nd	Robin French
February 9 th	Susan Hilton
February 16 th	Kathy Horton
February 23 rd	Lisa Young



February Birthdays

2/7	Delbert Lauten, Jr.
2/9	Melissa Little
2/22	Jennie Buckner
2/24	Danny Cook
2/25	Zoe Ward
2/27	Charlene Dunlap

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Message from the Pastor

Have you ever felt like that dog catcher — that you have outlasted your usefulness and are no longer necessary? It's been known to happen. One way we sometimes deal with it is simply to let the dog back out on the street and chase it some more. We may not accomplish much in the long run, but at least we keep busy. There is, however, a better way.

Robert Schuller says that one of the most difficult times in his life was after he had, at a relatively young age, reached all of his goals. He began to wonder if there any new mountains to climb — any new dogs to catch, so to speak. The result was that Schuller began to dream bigger dreams, moving his ministry beyond the borders of his southern California community, to reaching people through books and TV.

In the Old Testament there's a story of a Babylonian slave named Nehemiah. Nehemiah had a big dream: he wanted to rebuild the walls of the city of Jerusalem. Against all odds, he accomplished his goal. What next? Tear down the walls and build them again? Instead, Nehemiah moved to a new level. He developed a new dream, bigger and more ambitious than the first: reuniting the people of Israel.

This is what he wrote: *At that time the city was large and spacious, but the population was small. And only a few houses were scattered throughout the city. So my God gave me the idea to call together all the leaders of the city, along with the ordinary citizens, for registration. (Nehemiah 7:4-5)*

Instead of questioning his own usefulness, Nehemiah upgraded his goals in life; he made the transition from building walls to building people.

If your life has become a circle of letting the dog out so you can catch it again...of tearing down walls so you can rebuild them...it may be time to upgrade your goals. God gave Nehemiah an idea of what to do next. He has an idea for you, too.

Grace and Peace
Adam

Church Conference will be held on Wednesday, February 19th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

SISTERS IN CHRIST EVENTS:

**All ladies are invited to our Galentine Dinner at Palenque Mexican Restaurant in Kernersville on Thursday, Feb. 13th at 6pm. Please sign up by Feb. 9th.

**Join us March 14th-15th for an encouraging women's retreat in Wilmington, NC. Mike Weaver (of Big Daddy Weave) and his family will lead us in worship. Dr. Joy will share two encouraging messages from God's Word. Heath Arthur (comedian and actor) will make us laugh. David and Ciara Dierking will inspire us with their story of hope, perseverance and gratefulness. Joytime at the Beach will be a weekend of worship, encouragement and FUN! To buy your tickets go online to:joytime.org/events/joy-at-the-beach-2025 right away. The VIP ticket is \$60. See Lisa Young for hotel room information.

Financial Summary

January 5, 2025		
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 2662.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 678.44
Total Offering		\$ 3340.44
January 12, 2025		
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 525.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 25.00
Total Offering		\$ 550.00
January 19, 2025		
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 3962.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 2065.68
Total Offering		\$ 6027.68
January 26, 2025		
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 2880.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 285.00
Total Offering		\$ 3165.00

General Fund

December General Fund Receipts	\$ 22393.70
December General Fund Expenses	-\$ 15399.82
December General Fund Net	\$ 6993.88
December Fund Balance	\$100885.78

WOMEN ON MISSION

Women on Mission ladies had their January email meeting on January 4, 2025.

JANUARY WOM ACTIVITIES:

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

January Mission Projects and Outreach

- Purchased 45 throw blankets for the Appalachian Ministry & used \$96 of WOM funds. WOM ladies also donated washcloths, combs & brushes & warm socks, gloves & hats for this ministry.
- Voted to use up to \$375 for Family Services of HP wish list. We purchased 6 sets of sheets, 14 pairs of pajamas, 28 pair of underwear & 10 pairs of socks, plus multiple items for court case kits.
- The International Supper originally scheduled for January 12 was canceled due to bad weather but will be rescheduled for a later date.

I am pleased to report that during 2024 we completed numerous mission projects and spent \$8,724.90 of WOM funds during the year. I have compiled an annual report, and this is available for anyone who would like to see a breakdown of these expenses. Feel free to give me a call. Without continued financial support throughout the year from the congregation, we would not have been able to provide assistance to so many people in need. So may I take this opportunity to tell each of you again, how very grateful I (along with the other WOM members) am for ongoing support. God Bless You!!

We all know cold temperatures have been prevalent during January, but warm hearts and minds overrode the weather as **UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE** in ways to honor our Lord by serving those dealing with ongoing hardships. --Jane Sutphin

PRAYER CONCERNS: Ellen Bobbitt, Ellen Cook, Bobby & Irene Cheek, Rex Church (John Church's brother), Marty & Judy Daniels, Larry Davis (Susan Hilton's nephew), Ann Huth, Laura (friend of Kathy Mills), Ritchie Longworth, Juan & Lidia Mendoza (neighbors of Hal & Melissa Little), Ron Mills, Derek Reavis (friend of Mark Reavis), Darlene Smith (Cindy Clark's mother), Bettie Spencer, and Roger Burnett (Lisa Young's father).