

**April Food Drive** will be held at UC Food Lion on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. We need volunteers to help each month. Contact Ann Canada if interested. April's food item is pancake mix & syrup. Their food pantries are often low on the following items: cooking oil, spaghetti sauce, beef stew, canned meats, canned fruit, box dinners, and baking items.

**Senior Moments** luncheon will be on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Olympic Restaurant in Kernersville at 11:00 am. If you would like to carpool, be at the church by 10:45 am.

**Sisters in Christ**

- On Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am come build/paint a birdhouse. You have the option to build and paint a birdhouse at a cost of \$15 or you can just paint a birdhouse for \$10. Tacos will be on the menu for lunch. There are sign-up sheets in the sanctuary foyer for the birdhouses and bringing fix-ins for the tacos and desserts. Sign-up deadline is April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- We are collecting new and gently used books for the 1<sup>st</sup> graders summer reading program at Union Cross Elementary School. There will be a collection box in the sanctuary foyer through the end of April.

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

April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Robin French
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Lisa Young
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Marianne Casas
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Cindy Clark



April

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| 4/4  | Randy Honeycutt |
| 4/8  | Jill Sutphin    |
| 4/12 | Cameron Casas   |
| 4/18 | Katie Weavil    |
| 4/20 | Katie Clare     |
| 4/26 | Scott Clark     |
| 4/30 | Bettie Spencer  |

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| Dr. Adam Woods      | Pastor                |
| Mrs. Gayle Smith    | Music Director        |
| Rev. Marty Daniels  | Minister of Education |
| Mrs. Angie Weavil   | Organist              |
| Mrs. Sara VonCannon | Pianist               |
| Mrs. Teresa Tucker  | Office Administrator  |

# Union Cross Baptist News

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**Easter is a season rather than just a day.**

It is actually a seven-week season called Eastertide. It is a period of fifty days beginning at sundown on the eve of Easter Sunday and lasting for six more Sundays until Pentecost. Thus, Easter includes fifty days and a week of Sundays.

Like all of the major holidays of the Christian year, the season of Easter is framed around a sequence of events in the life of Jesus. In this case, it commemorates the time that Jesus spent with his disciples following the resurrection, prior to his ascension.

Tradition holds that Jesus "ascended" to God on the 40th day after the resurrection. On the church calendar this day, always a Thursday, is referred to as Ascension Day. In practice, the Ascension is sometimes "transferred" to the sixth Sunday of Easter.

The season officially ends on Pentecost Sunday, which Christians think of as the "birthday of the church." This holiday celebrates the presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church and indeed, the world.

## A Word from the Pastor

Most of you have heard, or at least heard about, the sermon called, "It's Friday, but Sunday's Coming." It's taken from a story by Tony Campolo, about a message his preaching mentor delivered. The original sermon went something like this...

"It's Friday. Jesus has been arrested in the garden where he is praying. But Sunday's coming.

"It's Friday. The disciples have all abandoned their master. Peter denies that he knows the Lord. But Sunday's coming.

"It's Friday. Jesus is beaten, mocked and ridiculed by the Roman soldiers. But Sunday's coming."

And on it goes: "It's Friday. Jesus is in the tomb. Heaven is silent. Satan is laughing because he thinks he's won. But Sunday's coming."

What a great sermon.

For some of you, it's been Friday for a long time. You've taken some hits. You've lost some battles. You've failed, and then failed again. Remember, though, it's only Friday.

Sunday's coming.

As the angel said to the women on Easter morning: *"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' "*

*Then they remembered his words. (Luke 24:5-8)*

It may be Friday today; it may have felt like Friday forever -- but Sunday's coming.

Grace and Peace

Adam



**Prayer Concerns:** Margaret Baker, Bobby & Irene Chee, Marty & Judy Daniels, Larry Davis (Susan Hilton's nephew), Ivin Duncan, Denny Hester,

Ron & Kathy Mills, Darlene Smith (Cindy Clark's mother), Bettie Spencer, and Debbie Wyatt (Sara VonCannon's cousin).

Our deepest sympathies are expressed to Edna Bond in the passing of her brother, David Harlan Campbell. Please keep Edna and her family in your prayers.

### **Financial Summary**

	March 3, 2024	
Undesignated Gifts		\$4,406.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 296.00
Total Offering		\$4,702.00
	March 10 2024	
Undesignated Gifts		\$2,341.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 623.00
Total Offering		\$2,964.00
	March 17, 2024	
Undesignated Gifts		\$2,746.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 385.00
Total Offering		\$3,131.00
	March 25, 2024	
Undesignated Gifts		\$6,167.00
Designated Gifts		\$1,202.00
Total Offering		\$7,369.00

### **General Fund**

February General Fund Receipts	\$ 11,673.00
February General Fund Expenses	\$ 13,110.60
February General Fund Net	-\$ 1,437.60
February Fund Balance	\$ 94,454.92

### **Meetings**

**Church Council** will meet on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. We will be planning for the months of May, June, and July. If you have any suggestions for events or would just like to join us, feel free to come by.

**Church Conference** will be Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.



**Women on Mission ladies had their March email meeting on March 6.**

### **MARCH WOM ACTIVITIES:**

- Hospice Ministry Note: Generous snack donations were sent to both WS and HP Hospice Homes for the patients' families.
- Several Inward meals were prepared and delivered to some of our members. Without the help of several WOM ladies and especially to Nancy for heading it up, this ongoing project would not be possible. A special thank you to all who have assisted!!
- Thank you to Jill, Beverly, Sara & Tracy for making Baptist Women's Day a great day!
- We voted to purchase 48 backpacks in bulk at a super good price of \$3.90 each bringing the total to \$200.32 including taxes for the Appalachian Backpack Ministry project which we will be completing in October. We also approved the purchase of 20 additional throw blankets for the backpacks at a cost of \$42.78. With these additional 20 along with prior donations, we now have enough for every backpack. WOM funds were used for each of these purchases.
- We voted to send \$83.72 to Winston-Salem Rescue Mission to provide 28 Easter meals. Additionally, several of the WOM members made cake, cookie, muffin or brownie desserts to help with the Easter meals for the homeless in WS.

Now that we are in the spring season, we see new life in nature's outdoor beauty everywhere we turn. May we make it a season of inside beauty as well and I am not referring to the age-old spring-cleaning tradition in our homes, but to spring cleaning of our thoughts and actions. May we all step into spring this year committed to doing everything we can to tell others about what Jesus has done for us and be truly committed to our catchphrase **"UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE"**.  
--Jane Sutphin