

Happy Mother's Day! The Baptist Men are honoring all UCBC women by providing doughnuts, coffee, and juice on Mother's Day, Sunday May 12th in the fellowship hall at 9am.

Sisters In Christ Mother's Day Party on Saturday, May 4th from 10am—12pm. Brunch will be provided.

Corsages: We will be teaching you how to make a corsage for Mother's Day. Flowers will be provided for the corsage. Bring wire cutters and scissors if you have them. Please sign-up in the sanctuary foyer and list the color of flowers you will need.

White Flowers—Mother deceased. Pink Flowers—Mother living.

Picture Frame: Please bring your own dried flowers if you can. You can press your own in a book a week before so they can dry. Picture frames are small.

Saturday, May 18th @ 9am will be a work day on the playground. We will be cleaning up and spreading mulch. All are welcome to help. A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall.

Calling all Graduates! We will recognize high school and college graduates on June 2nd. Please send the following information to the church office @ ucbaptist@bellsouth.net by May 19th 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 a member or a child of a member, 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 2nd.

Children's Church - Ages 3 to 10

May 5 th	Julie Striplin
May 12 th	Susan Hilton
May 19 th	Kathy Horton
May 26 th	Lisa Young



May Birthdays

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| 5/7 | Grady Weavil |
| 5/11 | Tracy Ward |
| 5/20 | Cheyenne Hurley |
| 5/27 | Sylvia Phillips |
| 5/29 | Aubree Phillips |
| 5/30 | Jennifer Weavil |

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| Dr. Adam Woods | Pastor |
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| Rev. Marty Daniels | Minister of Education |
| Mrs. Angie Weavil | Organist |
| Mrs. Sara VonCannon | Pianist |
| Mrs. Teresa Tucker | 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

During a dark period of Abraham Lincoln's life, at the young age of 32, he wrote:

"I am now the most miserable man living. If what I feel were equally distributed to the whole human family, there would not be one cheerful face on earth. Whether I shall ever be better I cannot tell; I awfully forebode I shall not. To remain as I am is impossible; I must die or be better, it appears to me."

It's hard to believe these words were written by one of our nation's most significant leaders. And it's hard to believe that years later this same despairing man was able to write:

"The year that is drawing toward the close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. These bounties are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come."

Abraham Lincoln's early years were filled with failure. Yet, the final years of life, though certainly not free from struggle, were years of happiness, fulfillment, achievement, and success.

Because of his capacity to outlast the blues, Lincoln experienced -- in this life -- the enormity of God's blessing. He didn't give up hope, even when it seemed he had no reason to hope.

The same could be said for King David. As you read through the Psalms, you get a glimpse of his struggles and heartaches. (Psalm 10, 38, 102 come to mind; there are many, many more.) And though his life was not without tragedy, David ended his days enjoying the benefits of God's blessing in his life. In a phrase, David outlasted the blues.

His final words, recorded in 2 Samuel 23, were:

Is not my house right with God? Has he not made with me an everlasting covenant, arranged and secured in every part? Will he not bring to fruition my salvation and grant me my every desire? (2 Samuel 23:5)

It's almost as if the reward for tenacity is that our problems eventually give up and leave us alone. We certainly see in scripture that clinging steadfastly to hope in God's mercy ultimately pays off far beyond our greatest hopes.

Today, you may be facing the anguish of Psalm 38 or 102. But there's more to your story than just what you are experiencing today. God will bring to fruition your salvation,

full and complete. And he will grant your heart's desires. This gives us a reason to keep on...to outlast the blues.

Grace and Peace

Adam



Prayer Concerns: Margaret Baker, Bobby & Irene Cheek, Marty & Judy Daniels, Larry Davis (Susan Hilton's nephew), Ron & Kathy Mills, Derek Reavis (friend of Mark Reavis), Darlene Smith (Cindy Clark's mother), Bettie Spencer, and Debbie Wyatt (Sara VonCannon's cousin).

Financial Summary

	April 7, 2024	
Undesignated Gifts		\$3,241.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 235.00
Total Offering		\$3,476.00
	April 14, 2024	
Undesignated Gifts		\$8,270.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 811.00
Total Offering		\$9,081.00
	April 16, 2023	
Undesignated Gifts		\$2,324.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 436.00
Total Offering		\$2,760.00

General Fund

March General Fund Receipts	\$ 18,621.00
March General Fund Expenses	-\$ 12,847.44
March General Fund Net	\$ 5,773.56
March Fund Balance	\$100,228.48



Are you spring cleaning and want to get rid of stuff? Well, UCBC is having a yard sale on **June 1st** from 8am – 1pm. Tables or spaces are available for \$10. Bring your own tents if needed. There will be a Hotdog lunch available for \$3.50 (Hotdog, Chips, and drink) and a bake sale. Those that want a table or space please contact Brenda Grose at 336-971-2831. Pass the word! The June Crisis Control Food Drive will be held at the yard sale instead of UC Food Lion that day.



Women on Mission ladies had their April email meeting on April 3rd.

APRIL WOM ACTIVITIES:

- Hospice Ministry Note: Snack donations were sent to both WS and HP Hospice Homes for the patients' families. Just as a reminder—each item sent has a label that reads “*For families of Hospice Home patients respectfully donated by Union Cross Baptist Church, Kernersville*”.
- Inward meals were prepared and delivered to a couple of our members during April and once again a big thank you to Nancy and those who assisted in making this project achievable.
- WOM voted to support the Baptist Children's Homes Annual Food Roundup by providing them a check for \$750 for the sole purpose of purchasing grocery store gift cards to help feed the youngsters. Additionally, it was decided to open this opportunity up to the congregation with concentration on three of their most needed items – laundry detergent, canned fruit, and cans of fruit juice.

I have completed three new or revised WOM handouts:

- A listing of all our mission projects for 2023 and the first four months of 2024. If anyone wishes to have copy, please let me know.
- A packet for any lady in our congregation who may be interested in becoming a member of Women on Mission. This packet provides a lot of information about WOM along with a sample of monthly email meeting notes.
- A new and updated WOM project handout is now available in one of the slots in the hanging tray in the vestibule area of the sanctuary. This may be used to promote UCBC mission involvement to those outside the church as well.

As Adam closes each worship service with “God the Father goes before us, God the Son goes beside us, and God the Holy Spirit goes within us”, may we each remember this in our daily lives so others may feel His presence through us as “**UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE.**”

--Jane Sutphin