

**New Deacon Officers** for the 2023/2024 church year is: Robin French - Chair, Randy Honeycutt - Vice Chair, Beverly Weavil - Secretary, and Dale Lakey - Assistant Secretary.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

There will be a Church Council meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. We will be planning the calendar for December, January, and February. Per the revised bylaws the following positions should attend this meeting as well as anyone else who would like to attend: Pastor (chair), Deacon Chair, Music Director, SS Director, WOM President, Baptist Men President, Youth & Children Representative, Committee Chairs, and Church-elected Officers.

**October Crisis Control Food Drive** will be held at UC Food Lion on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. October's food item is: Applesauce (Please no glass jars.) Their food pantry is currently low on the following items: beans, saltine crackers, beef stew, canned meats, canned fruit, stuffing, beanie weenies, juice, and baking items. Ann Canada has a more detailed handout of the most needed items if you would like a copy. **Hospice Ministry Emphasis** will be Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

October 1 <sup>st</sup>	Kathy Horton
October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Robin French
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Lisa Young
October 22	Marianne Casas



**October Birthdays**

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

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 Mrs. Angie Weavil  
 Mrs. Sara VonCannon  
 Mrs. Teresa Tucker

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 Music Director  
 Minister of Education  
 Organist  
 Pianist  
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Join us on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, for our Homecoming celebration. We are excited to announce that Dr. Steve Ayers will be our guest speaker. The special homecoming offering received will benefit our Contingency Fund. Lunch will follow the service in the fellowship hall. Bring your favorite covered dishes and a few extra for visitors, and be ready for a wonderful time of fellowship and food. **Clean-up day** to prepare for homecoming is Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 am. Rain date will be Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.



**GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.** I cannot believe a year has passed & Women on Missions is getting ready for another Operation Christmas Child season. Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts are not just gifts but where Samaritan's Purse's local partners deliver the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to multiplies of non-believers & churches worldwide. Last year, we were able to send **100** shoeboxes (10 over our goal!), & I know we can do that again this year. On Sunday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, empty boxes & brochures will be available in all building & will run till Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. There will also be empty, decorated boxes in all buildings to put items if you don't want to fill a whole box or you can give me money in an envelope to go shopping for items. Get your Sunday School Class, friends, & family involved & start thinking now about what you can fill in your shoebox(es). Look for more information via church bulletins as we kick off **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD!**

*"Declare his glory among the nations." - Psalm 96:3*

*-Jill Sutphin, UCBC WOM OCC Coordinator*

## Financial Summary

The most important decisions you make are the decisions you make every day. Much more so than the one-time decisions — even the big ones.

For example, getting married is a major one-time decision. And the decision you make *today* to love your wife *today* as Christ loved the church is in many ways more important.

Choosing a career path or taking a job is a major one-time decision. And the decision you make *today* to do your work as unto the Lord *today* is more important still.

Giving your life to Christ is the greatest one-time decision you'll ever make. Even greater is the decision you make *today* to follow him *today*.

**How many times do we decide each day?** According to the numbers I've seen, somewhere between 5000 and 35000. (A Cornell study says we make more than 200 daily decisions about food alone.)

Most decisions are made on auto-pilot. The best ones, however, need to be made intentionally, because **our daily decisions give those big-time one-time decisions the meaning they deserve.**

**Or they take away their meaning all together.**

Today you will decide — thousands and thousands and thousands of times — what to do with your time, what to eat, what to read, what to buy, what to wear, what to talk about, what to think about, and then what to give a second thought about.

Today you'll also decide how you'll speak to the ones you love, how you'll do your job, how you'll live out purpose — and many other things that will matter forever.

Before you let habit kick in, give yourself a second to think about what this decision means and where it will take you.

*I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore **choose life**, that both thou and thy seed may live. (Deuteronomy 30:19)*

Grace and Peace

Adam

	September 3, 2023	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 2,530.00
Designated Gifts		\$10,635.00
Total Offering		\$13,165.00
	September 10, 2023	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 3,021.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 570.00
Total Offering		\$ 3,591.00
	September 17, 2023	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 2,005.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 110.00
Total Offering		\$ 2,115.00
	September 24, 2023	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 2,890.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 96.12
Total Offering		\$ 2,986.12

### General Fund

August General Fund Receipts	\$12,359.00
August General Fund Expenses	-\$14,124.96
August General Fund Net	\$ 1,765.96
August Fund Balance	\$91,783.35



**Women on Mission ladies had their September email meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup>.**

### **SEPTEMBER WOM ACTIVITIES:**

- Hospice Ministry Note: Deliveries were made to both Hospice Home locations.
- A few Inward Meals were prepared & delivered.
- Sent \$400 to NC Baptist on Mission for disaster relief work with the Maui wildfire devastation.
- We received a tremendously large donation of personal care items from NCLA for WOM to use for mission projects. A thank you letter from WOM was mailed to NCLA while assuring them we will find “good homes” for the donations.
- We began our kick off for collections to the Appalachian Backpack Ministry with Mark Reavis speaking on Sept.3<sup>rd</sup> regarding his firsthand knowledge of the poverty in this area of the country & the donations thus far have been great!! \$297 of WOM funds were used to purchase the required hygiene items for each backpack & approval given for additional funds if needed. A final report will be provided later.

- To assist with very low inventory at Crisis Control in Kernersville, WOM voted to spend \$150 to purchase canned meat as well as provide the congregation with a listing of the specific food shortages. Ann reported a wonderful outpouring of support for CCM this month with \$65 & 387 lbs. of food.

I recently attended a ballgame for special need youngsters at the Miracle Field in HP. I sat there in awe with the enthusiasm each youngster exhibited when those of us in the bleachers were cheering them on. It also made me think too with so much wrong with the world today, what a simple joy it was for those youngsters to be encouraged. Such a lesson in compassion & humility I experienced that Friday night. May we all become like these children & look for the good in the world, become excited & not just listen to the negative. And may we all try & do a better job of believing in others as **UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE.** — Jane Sutphin

**World Communion Sunday** is October 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 5TH:**

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. Tio forget that we are saints is 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 January 2020.