



THE LIGHTHOUSE

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Hello UFCC family and friends. Spring is slowly leaving us as we are getting prepared for the summer. June is usually considered the start of our summer season. Also in June we celebrate Father's Day. Happy Father's Day to our fathers who are living today and also those that have gone on to be with the Lord. This is the day we celebrate fatherhood and the influence of fathers to our children. We should honor and love our fathers (and mothers) as God loves us. God not only loves us ,he is love. If we love God we will seek Him and keep his commandments. Do you love God? WOW---what a question. Of course every christian loves God! If we love God we will place God first above everything else. We will seek Him and keep his commandments. God loves us unconditionally. No other love in heaven or earth can compare with the love God has for us. He lives in our

hearts by faith. We are rooted and grounded in God's love. We should love with contentment and realize His love is the supreme example of love---He sent his son to die for each one of us. NOW THAT'S LOVE! Gods love compels us to love, forgive, and pray for one another--even our enemies and the unlovable. Christian love is loving people who are different from you. They may lie about you, cheat you, say mean things or just generally treat you badly. We should love these people and pray for them. When you do, you truly will be showing the love of Jesus. Now there's something to think about. So be sure to let the love of Jesus shine through you toward others---and Happy Father's Day

****Let's be a lighthouse for Christ***

John 15:9 As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

John 15:17 This is My command: Love each other.

1Corinthians 13 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast. It is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self seeking. It is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not

delight in evil but rejoices with the truth



COME JOIN US FOR CHURCH

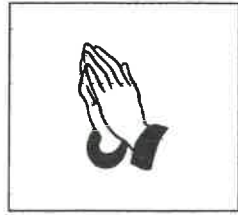
Do you know Jesus? If you would like to know Jesus or you know of someone that would like a personal relationship with Jesus Christ or even someone that is lost and floundering in this world, invite them to join us at United Faith Christian Church. It may be your neighbor, friend, or a family member. Preacher Matt will discuss and teach you about Jesus and show you how to have eternal life in Heaven. If you are looking for fulfillment in places other than in Jesus, you are wasting your time. When you focus on money, job success, power, or whatever is important to you you may be on top of the world for a short while, but these things will wear thin and you will remain unsatisfied. Nothing will permanently satisfy you like a strong and loving relationship with Jesus Christ.

John 14:6 I am the way, the truth , and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

A Note from the Pastor

The Weather Forecast of the Believer

The physical weather that we encounter each day takes on many different forms and patterns. Sometimes it's cloudy with a chance of rain and other days it's cloudy with torrential downpours. There are days when the rays of the sun warm our world and make for a beautiful, pleasant environment. We have all heard the saying in North Carolina, "If you don't like the weather, wait a day or two." Whatever the weather may bring today or tomorrow, we still must continue our daily tasks and complete a day's work. When we look at this concept in the spiritual and begin to consider the spiritual climate that the believer faces, we can draw a conclusive parallel. There are days that the clouds of life and the rains of adversity seem to overwhelm us, and we can't see the direction that God is leading. These are days that we must walk by faith and go to the Rock that is higher than us to receive the manna from above. In addition, there are days that the power of the Son shines down on us so strong that we feel invincible in His presence and are ready to fight every power of hell. The disciples saw the winds of controversy on the seas of Galilee as they were rowing their boat into the storm. When it seems that they would perish, they awakened Jesus and His voice of authority hushed the wind and calmed the waves. The same Jesus that made the storm clouds and handcrafted the waves is certainly able to reduce them to their normal level. Jesus rebuked the disciples for their lack of faith when they saw the condition of the weather and the opposition it brought. This illustration speaks volumes into the spiritual forecast of the believer and demonstrates to us that no matter what clouds may misalign our day or what winds seem to hinder our sails, our faith must be maintained in the Christ that is in our heart. The moment we think that the weather is greater than the Creator and that the elements are stronger than the eternal God, that will be the moment we will sink under the depressive clouds. We must learn to rely more on the Christ in us and not the clouds over us if we want to be more than overcomers through Him. Physical weather can change in a moment's time with one shift of the wind or condition of the atmosphere. There are also moments in our spiritual forecast that can change the conditions of our environment: a phone call with bad news, a doctor's report that reveals an underlying sickness, or the daily news that seems to always be negative. All of these can cause climatic shifts in our spiritual weather pattern and cast dreary clouds over our spiritual man. Through uncertain weather, the one thing that remains constant is the Word of God. The Word tells us that all things are possible to them that believe and that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. We must remember that there was a rainbow after the flood and that Paul was brought to the shoreline of safety when the boat, he was on became rubble in the middle of stormy seas. It's not about the forecast of today or tomorrow, but who we are trusting through the day and who is providing the care and protection over us. The next time your spiritual forecast calls for rain, let Jesus be your umbrella. The next time it looks like a rough day for sailing on the seas of life, invite Jesus to be your captain. Embrace those days when the Son is shining brightly in your pathway, and you feel His presence so strong. During those times He is preparing you for shifts in the weather, letting you know that on the other side of every storm cloud He is still shining and interceding for you to come through. As the weather shouldn't dictate our plans for daily tasks and responsibilities, let us be reminded that God has appointed us as His church. Even when the winds are contrary to us, we must put our hand on the gospel plow and continue pressing forward. Be encouraged and look to Jesus the Author and the Finisher of every weather pattern.



PRAYERS AND PRAISE

We have so many that need our prayers. The bulletin has numerous people that are sick, in the hospital, having surgery, having treatments or need to be seen by a physician. Let's lift these folks up to God in prayer and pray for a speedy recovery and healing. Let's remember our country and it's leaders along with our military. Don't forget our caregivers as they have a demanding job caring for the sick and disabled. Most of all, we need to pray for the lost so that the Holy Spirit will enter their heart and lives and give them hope for the future and an everlasting life with Christ. Pray for those that have difficult decisions to make. Let's pray for God's mercy, grace, and peace in all these situations. God is in control and knows every situation that we are facing. If you have someone that you want to be put on the prayer list, please see Amvaline Locklear. Thank you Amvalene for what you do with the bulletins. And thank you Jesus for all the blessings you bestow upon each and every one



VOICES FOR GOD

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Psalm 100: 1,2

Our UFCC choir is amazing. One can feel the Holy Spirit while they sing. You have an open invitation to join the choir and use your voice to praise God. We also welcome those that want to sing solos. If you want to praise God through song-----DO IT! God will hear your praise through your voice and bless you. Thanks DeeDee for all you do with the choir.

Psalms 95:1 Come let us sing for joy to the Lord: let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Ephesians 5:19 speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord

Psalms 105:2 Sing to him, sing praise to him, tell of all his wonderful acts....



LADIES AUXILLARY

The Ladies Auxillary meet the first Saturday every month at 10am in the fellowship hall. We have a short devotion and fellowship. Also we discuss ideas that would support our church, those in need, and our community. We recently had a Mother Daughter banquet. Laura Price was our guest speaker and she delivered a powerful and thought provoking message regarding different mothers in the bible and what it means to really be a mother. Thanks Laura. We encourage all ladies of UFCC to come and join the LA. Gathering together fosters a sense of fellowship and unity among believers, as we share in worship and strengthen their bond as Christians. When we gather together we're saying, Lord, thank you as a response to him giving up his life so that we may have salvation as believers.

8:20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

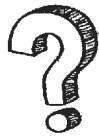
There is a sign up sheet in the vestibule for those interested in assisting with VBS. Your help is greatly appreciated. Let's teach our children about the love of Jesus. Thanks Kim for all your hard work in organizing VBS.



UFCC YOUTH



Look at the children we have in our church. They are our future leaders. It is our prayer that they learn about Jesus. They acknowledge that he is our Lord and Savior and invite Him into their lives keep his commandments and follow him. Thanks to Amy, Samantha, Faith, and Johnathan for your leadership with the children of UFCC



DID YOU KNOW?



- 1) It takes more facial muscles to frown than to smile.
- 2) Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid. do not be discouraged, for the lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9
- 3) The Lord will fight for you: you need only to be still. Exodus 14:14
- 4) Every good and perfect gift is from above James 1:17
- 5) There's only one letter that doesn't appear in any american state name.----- the letter Q
- 6) A jiffy is an actual unit of time----it's 1/100th of a second
- 7) There's an ant species unique to New Yourk City called ManhattAnts
- 8) The frog had to take the bus to work because his car got toad.
- 9) A tea that is hard to swallow is called reality

- 10) Fake spaghetti is called Impasta.
- 11) The horse yelled out--"i can't giddy up" after it fell.
- 12) An angry carrot is called a steamed veggie.
- 13) Time flies like an arrow, but fruit flies like bananas
- 14) Forrest Gump's password is 1forrest1