

THE CONVERSATION



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UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH - RICHMOND, KENTUCKY

AUGUST, 2013



**JOIN US ON
SATURDAY
AUGUST 17
11:00 AM—1:00 PM**

**Sno cones, popcorn, hot dogs,
chips, drinks, games, face painting (or
temporary tatoos), special back to
school treats for the children.**

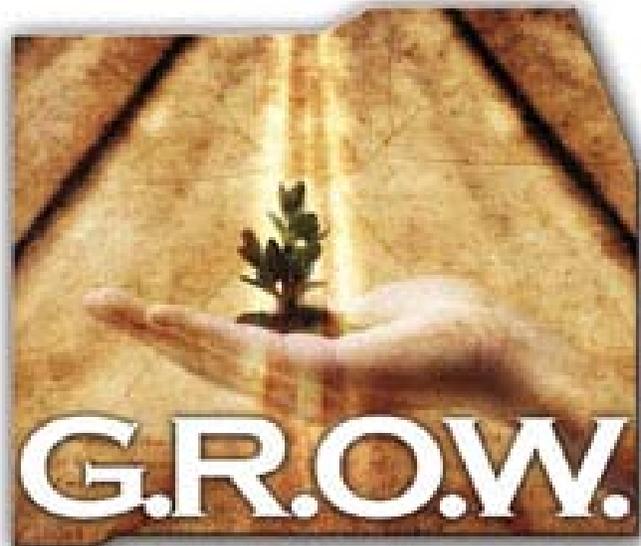
Our Children's Department will host a Back To School Bash on Saturday, August 17. As part of the outreach ministry we will provide school supply items to those attending. A list of these items can be found on the bulletin table in the foyer or by asking Sherri Wilson.

Among some of the items needed are: crayons (24 count), pencils (12 count), markers (8 count), rulers, wide ruled notebook paper, cap erasers, Elmer's glue, Elmer's glue sticks and pocket folders. You can also make a monetary donation to Sherri, Sally Arms or JJ Rhodus.

God Rewards Our Work

Can you give one hour each month to share the message of God's love with others in our community? Each Tuesday night is being set aside to share this message of love and hope and we have a place for you to be involved. We are in need of people to be part of four teams that will visit neighborhoods and distribute packets. We are also in need of people to prepare the visitation packets, make phone calls, pray and serve as a member of a follow up team.

If you can be part of these teams, let us know by speaking with Andy Anderson, Lamont Leary or John Smoot.



GOD REWARDS OUR WORK

From Our Pastor

Dr. D. L. Brewer

In my reading, I recently came across the following article. It is a good reminder of the role which each of us have in the Kingdom and the importance of it.

"But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called 'Today' so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness."—Hebrews 3:13

God has now spoken his last word for the last days. There is nothing more important than that we hear and obey that word. In Old Testament days, many of those who heard his Word were lost nevertheless. That must be a warning to us: **"See to it that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God"** (v. 12).

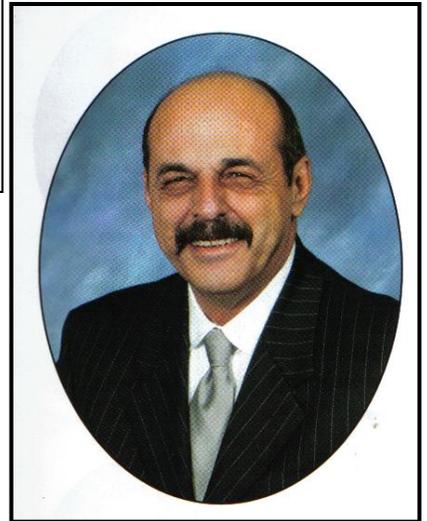
Since our path is dangerous and sin is deceitful, Christians must live in a fellowship that exercises a watchful care over its members. Within this fellowship, Christians should "encourage one another daily." We need daily stimulation to faith and good works. We need it ourselves, and we owe it to each other as a daily payment of love.

This is the biblical norm for the life of Christian churches. We hardly ever realize how far we have departed from this norm and how much we have adapted ourselves to the demands of modern ways of living. Instead of **"encouraging one another daily,"** countless church members take one hour a week to sit in a big building in order to be "encouraged" by a preacher at a distance. Then they are "busy" until next Sunday.

Avoidance of Christian fellowship shows that we are not aware of the seriousness of God's last word, nor of the reality of sin's deceit.

The Bible says, **"Encourage one another daily, as long as it is called 'Today.'"** Today is the time of God's grace—the period during which God speaks in Jesus Christ. As for our personal lives, it's obvious that "today" cannot exceed our lifetime. But the writer has another crisis than our death in mind when he says that "today" is right now: "that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness." Hardening begins with a reduced sensitivity of conscience and ends with a total inability to hear and do God's Word.

We must stand firm, and we must stand together. Faith must be warmed by fellowship. Otherwise the devil takes his toll.



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DEACONS FOR AUGUST



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DO YOU RECEIVE OUR PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTIONAL?

SHARE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS AND YOU WILL BE ADDED TO THE DAILY MAILING LIST TO RECEIVE DEVOTIONALS AND PRAYER CONCERN UPDATES AS WELL AS CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.. YOU CAN E-MAIL HIM AT DENNISLBREWER@BELLSOUTH.NET



GUILT AND CONFESSION
How happy is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered! Psalm 32:1, HCSB

Each week I find myself dealing with individuals who are struggling beneath a heavy burden of guilt. The root cause of that guilt varies but the emotional impact remains the same. I recently received the following devotional which speaks to

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Mitchell Arms
- 1 Tiffany Arms
- 1 Juanita Anderson
- 1 Joan Caudill
- 2 Sheryl Aines
- 4 Brandon Murphy
- 6 Jonathan Cox
- 6 Lauren Jordan
- 7 Tanda Dannelly
- 8 Freddie Campbell
- 8 Paula Roark
- 9 Dona Byers
- 9 Darlene May
- 10 Zachary Causey
- 10 Joni Whitaker
- 11 Diana Storm
- 11 Amber Whitaker
- 12 Sally Cornelius
- 12 Tim Simpson
- 13 Kelli Robinson
- 14 Melanie Bailey
- 14 Jim Chadwell
- 14 Lynda Robinson
- 15 Shaun Renfro
- 15 David Musick
- 17 Adam Weber
- 18 Jim McGuire
- 20 Jessica Smoot
- 21 Judy Dodd
- 22 Tina Puckett
- 23 Deanna Frazier
- 25 Chris Friday
- 27 Emily Myers
- 28 Dotty Jones
- 28 Chris Tudor
- 29 Phil Hall
- 29 Wade Moore
- 31 Ross Kincaid
- 31 Vernon Lamb
- 31 Dana Stoy

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Larry & Lois Morgan
- 9 Bruce & Tana Roberts
- 14 Glen & Vicki Cape
- 16 Glen & Linda Renfro
- 17 Charles & Holly Long
- 18 Marion & Carolyn Turley
- 19 John & Kelli Robinson
- 19 Arthur & Hazel Turner
- 23 Travis & Celeste Byrd

If we do not have a correct record of your Anniversary or Birthday or to add one, please let us know.



UNIFIRES

Senior Adult Ministry
Phil & Linda Brashear, Directors

Who are these "Senior Adults" we keep writing about? What are they like? What do they do? The UniFires are (officially) Unity Baptist church members who are 65 or older, and those who like to be in the company of Christians in that age group. We have monthly activities, some of which take place at church, with other activities involving some travel. We've hit locations from northern Tennessee to the Ohio River (and have enjoyed some great cooking as we go). We've been to concerts away and at home; we've ridden trains and riverboats; we've visited historical places, state parks, a museum, a nursery (as in plants and flowers) and a senior residential facility; and we've simply met and enjoyed one another's company. Our activities have two common themes: we love to be with "older" Christians, and we love to eat.



Most recently, we carpooled up to Newport, KY and enjoyed a two-hour cruise on the *Belle of Cincinnati*, complete with a delicious buffet meal on board. If you weren't along, you missed a good time – but you don't need to miss our next adventure! No matter your age, but especially if you're nearing that "certain age," you ought to consider "running with

the WildFires" – oops! I should have said "Unifires." Be sure to invite friends and acquaintances from our church or other churches, people who don't attend church, and lost people. Let's share ourselves with others.



On August 10, we're going to explore the restored Fort Boonesborough, then drive over to Winchester to eat at the Golden Corral. Most likely, we'll go to the Fort in the afternoon and have an early dinner. Check the church bulletin board or listen to announcements for detail.

We're starting to consider activities for 2014, but here are our plans for the rest of this year. If you have suggestions, please bring them to Phil and Linda.

Our planned activities for the rest of the year (listed below) are posted on the church website and the bulletin board). Please note the changes in dates for August and September.

- Aug 10 Fort Boonesborough, followed by late lunch or early dinner at Golden Corral in Winchester
- Sep 14 Tour of Berea shops (Old Town and College Square), followed by a meal in Berea
- Oct 12 Cumberland Falls (meal at DuPont Lodge in the state park)
- Nov 16 Dinner out in Richmond
- Dec 21 Christmas Gift Exchange and pot-luck

Come join us!

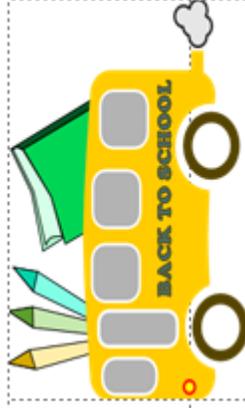
Invite a Friend to worship With you each week at Unity Baptist Church



**DEACONS
FOR THE
MONTH**



AUGUST



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		 Each Week		1	2 Youth Bonfire & Cookout 6 PM	3
4 Day of Prayer for World Peace Church Council Meets @ 5:00 PM	5	6 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM	7 Weekly Programs 6:30PM	8	9 Youth Kings Island Outing	10 Men's Breakfast 8am Women's Breakfast 8:30am
11	12	13 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM	14 Weekly Programs 6:30PM Associational Back to School Rally @ Lake Reba 6:30-8:30pm	15	16	17 Senior Adult Fort Boonsboro Outing Back To School Bash 11AM-1PM
18 Youth Water Wars Afternoon Activity	19	20 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM	21 Monthly Business Meeting 6:30PM	22	23	24
25 Deacons & WMU Meet—5:00 PM	26	27 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM	28 Weekly Programs 6:30PM	29	30	31

SERVING THIS MONTH

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS (PSALM 100:2A)



DATE	USHERS	AM NURSERY	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP	PM NURSERY	GREETERS
AUGUST 4	Travis Taulbee Newt Newlin Lamont Leary Ed Robinson Jamie Moscrip Clay Wilson	Kathy Robinson Stacy Taulbee	Lois Morgan Scarlett Whitaker	Lucille Brewer	K & Clayberta Gamble Phil & Linda Brashear Cora Willoughby
AUGUST 11	Mitch Arms Brandon Smoot David Saylor Charles Long Cliff Mead Sean Brewer	Judy Dodd Linda Renfro	Tammy Simpson Carol Reeves	Peggy Weston	Geneva Doolin Art & Hazel Turner Phyllis Burns
AUGUST 18	Shannon Noland Tom Bugee Phil Brahear K Gamble Wesley Morgan Andrew Mason	Holly Long	Sherri Wilson Drew Wilson	OPEN	Andy & Juanita Anderson Jamie & Jennifer Moscrip Wesley & Lindsey Morgan
AUGUST 25	David Arms Drew Wilson Andy Anderson Bill Adams Rodger Mason Duard Hamm	Louise Ball Amanda Renfro	Sherri Wilson Jennifer Moscrip	Sherri Wilson	David & Patty Saylor Clarenetta Watters Clara Mieres
SEPTEMBER 1	Travis Taulbee Newt Newlin Lamont Leary Ed Robinson Jamie Moscrip Clay Wilson	Kathy Robinson Stacy Taulbee	Lois Morgan Scarlett Whitaker	Lucille Brewer	Newt & Doris Newlin Shannon & Opal Noland Sean & Shannon Brewer

MEN'S BREAKFAST



Saturday, August 10
8:00 AM
Ryan's Restaurant

Ladies' BREAKFAST

Saturday, August 10
8:30 AM
Frisch's Restaurant

USHERS

Our listing of Ushers has been updated to include the following:

Fifth Sunday

Fred Dodd, Tom Bugbee, David Saylor,
David Arms, Roger Mason, Duard Hamm

Alternate

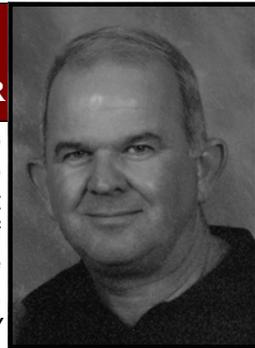
Bill Barker, Vernon Lamb, David Musick
Glen Renfro, David Snyder, Cole Wilson

If you have questions or need to be reassigned, please speak with Fred Dodd, Chairman of Ushers.

Invite your friends to join with you for this time of fellowship and good food.

Youth Notes

Rev. JOHN E. SMOOT, YOUTH MINISTER



We Love our Youth!

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. ⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. **Proverbs 3:5-7**

August is here, school starts in less than three weeks, August 14. I'm sure our youth and young people are excited to get back to class, well maybe not but I'm almost certain the parents are ready for school to start. It has been a good summer and we are going to make the first few weeks of August very busy for our youth before they begin to enjoy the new school year. We will begin with a bon-fire, cookout and school work burning on Friday night, August 2. The Keene's have hosted this event for us for several years and have volunteered to do so again. The following week, Friday, August 9 we will be headed to Kings Island for the day and lastly, we will hold our big water day with a cookout and day of water games and activities at the Long's on Sunday afternoon August 18 after worship. Charles and Holly have hosted this for us several times and we are glad to be going back there. We so appreciate those that are willing to open their home, host youth and support this ministry in many ways. With that in mind, We will utilize over 1,000 water filled balloons during the afternoon, if some of you would like to volunteer to help fill some for us please let me know.

Once school is back in session and all the travel has settled down we will restart our participation with Kenwood and our nursing home ministry. I truly enjoy this ministry and seeing the smiles on faces of residents as our youth minister to them. This is an important ministry and you can be involved in many ways. One way that is still several months away is the annual Angel Tree project at Christmas. Two years ago we were able to provide for around 22 residents that most likely would not have been gifted if you had not participated. Please pray about this and let us know if you would like to participate again.

This months study during our Sunday morning Bible Study hour will focus on "Trust". We need to learn to trust in God with all our heart, to not rely on our own wisdom. We should seek God's will in everything. He is the "Creator" He created all things and most definitely He has a plan and is faithful, nothing can deter or defeat His purpose, all of us, not just our youth need to learn to accept that fact. He is trustworthy, He loves unconditionally and we should love people honestly and loyally ourselves. He has good things in store for us despite the realities of this difficult world, we need to put our trust in Him and know that "...all things work together for the good of those who love God..." Romans 8:28.

The last few weeks during our Wednesday night youth time we have been discussing Satan at the request of our youth. It has been a good study and an important one. We need to understand his nature and his schemes so that we can

utilize the provisions that God provides to resist Satan and his lies. We do need to focus on God, Christ and the truths but we cannot forget that Satan is part of Gods teaching and one not to be forgotten. As Paul tells us in 1 Peter, ⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings". We don't want our youth or any of us for that matter to be sitting ducks ready to fall for Satan's lies the way that Adam and Eve did.

I want to continue to encourage Sunday school attendance, this hour prior to worship is an important time in our spiritual growth as Christians and as a church. Please pray about attendance if you're not attending now. Additionally, as a way to introduce our classes and teachers, I have asked our teachers to write an article each month for our newsletter. Below is the first installment of our teacher's contributions. Thanks to Laura McGhee for being the first to jump on board.

As always, we thank you for your prayers and support for us personally, our church, our youth and His work.

We hope your summer has been blessed and as we begin to look toward fall we pray that the blessings will continue to fall as the leaves fall from the trees.

Blessings!

Rev. John

YOU ARE INVITED *but you don't have to RSVP.*

The senior adults (ages 55/65 to heaven) meet each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for Bible study and fellowship. Come for coffee and donuts at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and then join us in the room behind the pulpit for lively conversation, socialization, study of God's word, and prayer.



We believe that where there are two or more gathered in God's name He is there. We just finished a study in the book of Job. After studying God's word, the phrase "as patient as Job" has taken on a new meaning for us. Job probably lived in the time of Abraham even before the Ten Commandments were given but Job knew and revered the one, true God who made him. Each week we study how to apply God's word and how it affects us in our daily lives

We have a seat just for you. Please come and join us.

Laura McGhee

Parcel's Page

IN LOVING MEMORY OF UNITY'S,
ASSOCIATE PASTOR, PARCEL FLANNERY



Church Going Centipede

A single guy decides life would be more fun if he had a pet.

So he went to the pet store and told the owner that he wanted to buy an unusual pet.

After some discussion, he finally bought a talking centipede, [100-legged bug], which came in a little white box to use for his house.

He took the box back home, found a good location for the box, and decided he would start off by taking his new pet to church with him.

So he asked the centipede in the box, "Would you like to go to church with me today? We will have a good time."

But there was no answer from his new pet.

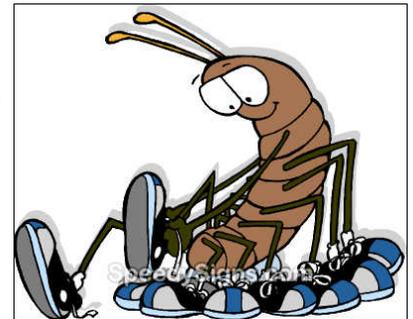
This bothered him a bit, but he waited a few minutes and then asked him again.

"How about going to church with me and receive blessings?"

But, again, there was no answer from his new friend and pet.

So he waited a few minutes more, thinking about the situation.

He decided to ask him one more time; this time putting his face up against the centipede's house and shouting, "Hey in there! Would you like to go to church with me and learn about the Lord???"



Are You Ready For This?

A little voice came out of the box, "I heard you the first time!! I'm putting on my shoes."

Concerns

John the Baptist Forerunner of the Pen Drop Project

Opportunity

Really? Connecting the Pen Drop Project to John the Baptist? That's somewhat of a stretch, isn't it? On the surface, I suppose one could say that John was a Baptist and the Pen Drop Project is a ministry of our Baptist church. But John wasn't really a Baptist – he wasn't even a member of any church denomination, because the church hadn't been founded. References to John really ought to be "John the Baptizer." But if that's not the connection, then what?

First, John's message was extremely simple. He didn't preach a complex theology, but said "Repent and be baptized." The pens that we drop also carry a simple message, "God loves you, and so do we."

Second, John was not the real messenger. His job was to make an announcement – to grab the attention of his listeners and to point them in the right direction to find the true message. The pens that we drop are intended to do the same thing. In John's case, the listeners were pointed to Jesus; in our case, the pens point the way to Unity Baptist Church, where listeners hear the true message.

Do you want to be a messenger in the tradition of John the Baptizer? If so, pick up a few pens from the bowl in the foyer; at every opportunity, leave a pen where someone is likely to pick it up (our favorite example is using the pen to clip together the bills making up your tip when you eat out). Above all, pray for the person who will pick up that pen, that they will react to the message of love and seek the truth.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Dr. D. L. Brewer, Pastor
 Charles Long, Associate to the Pastor
 Sam Sowder, Associate Pastor
 Mark Williams, Minister of Music
 Rev. John E. Smoot, Minister to Youth & Education
 Sherri Wilson, Children's Ministry
 Phil & Linda Brashear, Senior Adult Ministry
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 Rhojalia Rhodus, Sunday School Director
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Larry Morgan, Chair

Charles Long	Rodger Mason
Tim Simpson	Art Turner
Wesley Frazier	Glen Renfro
Fred Dodd	

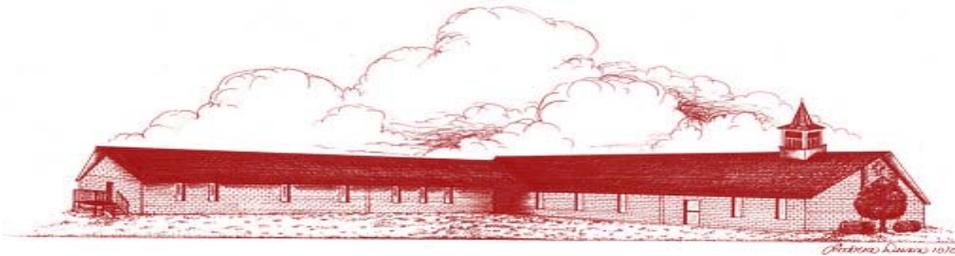


Extended Session

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO
 VOLUTEER TO SERVE IN OUR
 EXTENDED SESSION OR
 NURSERY PROGRAM?**

Speak with Sherri Wilson for more information on how you can touch the life of a little one with Christ's love.
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*We Have A Place
 For You At
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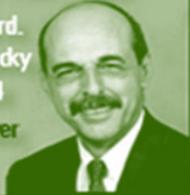
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