

THE CONVERSATION



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UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH - RICHMOND, KENTUCKY

AUGUST, 2014



**JOIN US ON
SATURDAY
AUGUST 9
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.

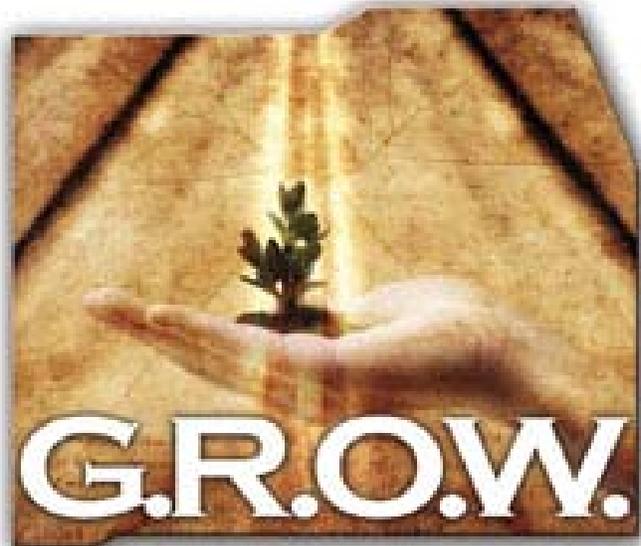
Our Children's Department will host a Back To School Bash on Saturday, August 9. As part of the outreach ministry we will provide school supply items to those attending. A list of these items can be found on the bulletin table in the foyer or by asking Sherri Wilson.

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, pocket folders and hand sanitizer. You can also make a monetary donation to Sherri, or Sally Arms.

God Rewards Our Work

Can you give one evening 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).

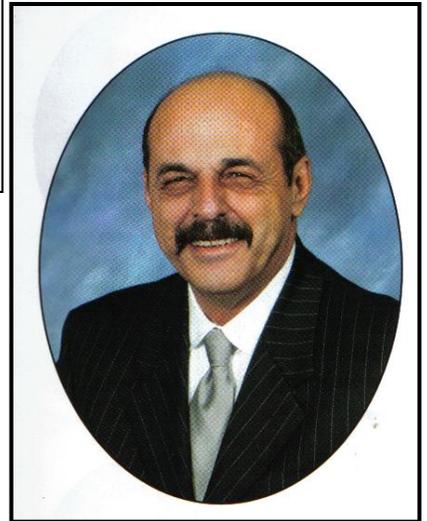
Since our path is dangerous and sin is deceitful, Christians must live in a fellowship that exercises a watchful care over its members. Within this fellowship, Christians should "encourage one another daily." We need daily stimulation to faith and good works. We need it ourselves, and we owe it to each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

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
- 2 Jacey Wilson
- 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 Shawn Renfro
- 16 David Musick
- 15 Opal Noland
- 15 Chloe Jones
- 17 Adam Weber
- 18 Jim McGuire
- 20 Jessica Smoot
- 21 Judy Dodd
- 22 Charlee Jones
- 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

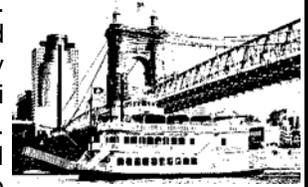
If we do not have a correct record of your Anniversary or Birthday or to add one, please let us know.



UNIFIRES

Senior Adult Ministry
Phil & Linda Brashear, Directors

The Unifires had a good time on Saturday, July 19. We drove up to Newport for a two-hour cruise and buffet lunch on the *Belle of Cincinnati*, operated by BB Riverboats. We had a fine view of the Cincinnati and Kentucky shorelines, and the food was good. They put us in a more-or-less private room, where I said we could be rowdy. Fred Dodd amended that to "rowdier." We weren't the rowdiest bunch on board, though. I think our claim to fame might have been the oldest passenger, our own Euzenith Sowers. (Of course, he doesn't look his age, so I don't know that anyone would have believed us if we had told them.)



Our next outing is to the Pioneer Playhouse in Danville, where we'll see a comedy called "A Visit from Scarface." It seems that an enterprising writer has created a movie based on Al Capone's life. Unfortunately, this is set during Capone's lifetime, and he doesn't like the idea, so he's sending his hit men after the writer. If you would like to join us on this trip, here are some details. If we have a group of 10 or more (and it looks like we will), then the cost for the play is \$14.00 each. (We have to make reservations and pay in advance to get that rate, so see Phil as soon as possible.) We'll leave the church about 6:00pm, stop at the Kentucky Depot in Stanford for dinner, and then go on to Danville, where the curtain time is 8:30pm. I'm not sure what time we'll be back to Richmond, but we should at least be in time for Sunday School the next day.

Our plans for the rest of the year include:

September 13: Train Ride (New Haven, near Bardstown)

October 11: Cumberland Falls

November 15: Toyota Plant tour—(This time we'll make reservations earlier)

December 21: Christmas Pot Luck and Gift Exchange

Come join us!



Mark Your Calendars For

Sunday, August 31

6:00 PM

Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing

A time of refreshments will follow the musical worship.

Can You Help

Our nursery is growing and we are in need of one additional workers each week to meet the needs of our little ones. If you can help with our Nursery or Extended Care programs of the church, please let us know. Speak with Sherri Wilson or the Pastor.

Come Join Us!
(we really do have all the fun)



**DEACONS
FOR THE
MONTH**



AUGUST



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Church Council @ 5 PM	4	5	6 Midweek Programs	7	8 Youth Bonfire	9 Men's Second Satur- day Breakfast @ 8 AM Ladies Breakfast @ 8:30 AM Back To School Bash
10 SS Workers Meet 5:00 PM Youth Water Wars	11	12 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM	13 Midweek Programs	14	15	16 UniFires To Pioneer Playhouse
17	18	19 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM	20 Monthly Business Meeting	21	22	23
24 Deacons & WMU Meet @ 5 PM	25	26 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM	27 Midweek Programs Children's Sponsored Meal	28	29	30
31 Fifth Sunday Fellowship/Hymn Sing	<p>EACH SUNDAY 9:00 AM—Coffee & Donuts 9:30 AM—Sunday School 10:00 AM—Radio Broadcast—WCBR 10:45 AM—Morning Worship 6:00 PM—Evening Worship</p>					

SERVING THIS MONTH

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



DATE	USHERS	AM NURSERY	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP	PM NURSERY	GREETERS
AUGUST 3	Bobby Samples Newt Newlin Lamont Leary Ed Robinson Jamie Moscrip Clay Wilson	Angela Gabbard Jennifer Moscrip Crystal Holbrook	Holly Long Lucille Brewer	Lucille Brewer	David & Patty Saylor Clarenetta Watters Clara Mieres
AUGUST 10	Mitch Arms Brandon Smoot David Saylor Charles Long Cliff Mead Sean Brewer	Judy Dodd Linda Renfro Faye Reed	Tammy Simpson Carol Reeves	Peggy Weston	Newt & Doris Newlin Shannon & Opal Noland Sean & Shannon Brewer
AUGUST 17	Shannon Noland Tom Bugbee Phil Brashear K Gamble Wesley Morgan Andrew Mason	Cathy Robinson Stacy Taulbee Connie Kincaid	Lois Morgan Ima Dell Lowery	Sherri Wilson	K Gamble Phil & Linda Brashear Cora Willoughby
AUGUST 24	David Arms Drew Wilson Andy Anderson Bill Adams Rodger Mason Duard Hamm	Louise Ball Carol Reeves	Sherri Wilson Mildred Robinson	OPEN	Art & Hazel Turner Phyllis Burns Lamont Leary Dell Robbins Bobby & Mattie Samples
AUGUST 31	Fred Dodd Tom Bugbee David Saylor Rodger Mason Duard Hamm	Holly Long Melissa Durbin	Sherri Wilson Drew Wilson	Lucille Brewer	Andy & Juanita Anderson Jamie & Jennifer Moscrip Wesley & Lindsey Morgan

MEN'S BREAKFAST



Saturday, August 9
8:00 AM
Ryan's Restaurant



Saturday, August 9
8:30 AM
Frisch's Restaurant

DON'T LET THE MEDIA CENTER BE A SECRET ANY LONGER



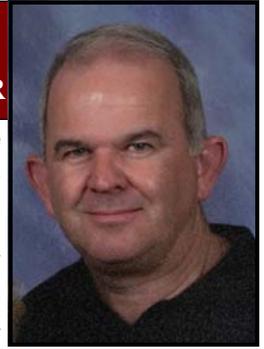
VISIT OUR MEDIA CENTER FOR GREAT READING AND MOVIES. TELL OTHERS AS WELL. THE CENTER IS OPEN EACH SUNDAY PRIOR TO MORNING WORSHIP.

FOR MATERIALS AT OTHER TIMES SPEAK WITH PEGGY WESTON OR JUDY DODD.

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

Youth Notes

Rev. JOHN E. SMOOT, YOUTH MINISTER



9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. **1 John 4:9**

Wow, I don't know where this summer and actually this year is going, going soon to be gone. I am sure that our youth are excited that in just a couple weeks they will be headed back to school. This year the end of summer brings a big change for us as our son Brandon moves into his dorm room at Asbury University. We are so excited to see what the Lord has in store for him as he goes to study, play Lacrosse and most importantly grow in his faith. God has surely shined on us and we truly believe this opportunity is a God thing.

We do hope that everyone has had a great summer spending time with family, getting away for a vacation and forgetting the realities of life for a little while. As we prepare to get back on track with our normal schedules, let me encourage you to find a Sunday school class that fits your desire. Sunday school is truly an important part of our spiritual growth, I still believe that it is the evangelism and discipleship arm of the church. IF you can't find a class that suits you, start one, you can be sure that if you desire a different class there are others that would fall right in line with you. Pray about that.

Speaking of Sunday school, ours was full a couple weeks ago, we were blessed to have the KYCHANGERS with us during the hour. What a pleasure seeing the classroom full. The next four weeks we will be discussing Sacrifice and it's not about me, a good follow-up to the social issues study we just finished. The first week is to look at the "Ultimate Sacrifice" and why Jesus died for us. We do a lot of things for those that we love, we sacrifice, we buy gifts, spend time with them and sometimes even cook for them, but when was the last time you died for them? God provided the propitiation for our sins. Secondly, there is Power in the blood. The question, What's so important about the blood of Christ? D. L. Moody said, "I must die, or get somebody to die for me. If the Bible doesn't teach that, it doesn't teach anything. And that is where the atonement of Jesus Christ comes in." Hebrews 9-14-15, ***How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance--now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.*** The point, Our sin is cleansed through the blood of Christ. Third what does it mean to be a living sacrifice? We should not conform to this world but surrender ourselves to Christ. This world has so many distractions for our youth and adults. Lastly, Put others first, We started by thinking about what we did for others, and it's not dying but we need to look at others needs first, the youth learned that in Memphis. It really seems that many people have trouble with this today, if we

all lived to make a difference, to be sensitive to others' needs oh what a different place it would be.

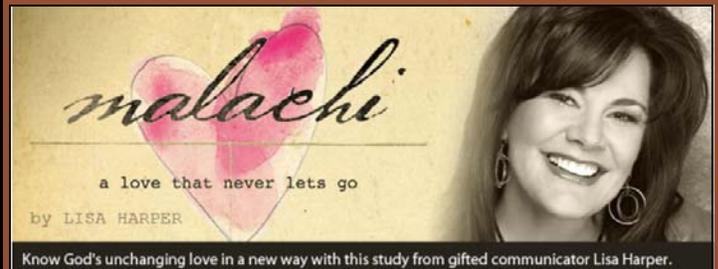
The next few weeks are going to be busy as we go to King's Island on Thursday, July 31, have our annual bon-fire, cook out and pool party at the home of Kevin and Theresa Keene on Friday, August 8, celebrate with water during our water wars event at the home of Lowell and Stacy Taulbee on Sunday night, August 10 and lastly enjoy another cook-out and pool party at David and Sally Arms house. We are so blessed to have people that are willing to host our youth. Thank you very much!

As always, we thank you for your prayers and support for us personally, our church, our youth and mostly His work. To God Be the Glory!

Blessings!

Rev. John

Join Us For A Ladies Bible Study Each Tuesday 6:30 PM



Begins August 12
Led by Tami Bugbee



Prayer is no longer allowed within our schools but we can pray for our schools. As you pass a school in our community, pray for the administrators, teachers, staff and students each day.

School begins August 13

Parcel's Page

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



Once again, kids are smarter than they used to be. But they do say the strangest things! Check out the wisdom below and you be the judge!

TEACHER: How old were you on your last birthday?

STUDENT: Seven.

TEACHER: How old will you be on your next birthday?

STUDENT: Nine.

TEACHER: That's impossible.

STUDENT: No, it isn't, Teacher. I'm eight today.

TEACHER: George, go to the map and find North America.

GEORGE: Here it is!

TEACHER: Correct. Now, class, who discovered America?

CLASS: George!

TEACHER: Willy, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WILLY: Me!



The local high school has a policy that the parent's must call the school if the student is to be absent for the day. Kelly, deciding to bunk and go to the mall with her friends waited till her parent's had left for work and called the school herself. This is the actual conversation of the telephone call.

Kelly: "Hi, I'm calling to report that Kelly so-and-so is unable to make it to school today because she is ill.

Secretary at high school: "Oh, I'm sorry to hear that. I'll note her absence. Who is this calling?"

Kelly: "This is my mother."

Peter walked up to his teacher's desk, holding a report card with a big red F. "If I were you," said Peter, "I would change this while you still can."

"Why is that?" asked the teacher.

"Because my daddy told me that if I brought home one more failing report card, someone was going to get a beating."

If you have items for Parcel's Page, e-mail them to our Pastor at dennislbrewer@bellsouth.net



Pen Drop Project



What is the Pen Drop Project, you ask? From the name, one would assume that it's a project (a planned activity with a goal) that involves dropping (releasing to the control of gravity) one or more pens. OK, does that answer the question? Not really, I suppose. You probably need to know more about the action (dropping), the objects being dropped (pens), and the goal.

So, what's a pen? I looked up "pen" in the on-line Merriam-Webster Dictionary, and found that there are several things called "pens." "A pen is a small enclosure for animals, such as a pig-pen." Not a likely candidate. "A pen is a small place of confinement or storage." That's just a more general version of the first meaning. Again, not a likely candidate. "A pen is a protected dock or slip for a submarine." No, I can't imagine us dropping one of those. "A pen is a penitentiary (a prison)." I don't know how to drop a prison, so that's probably not it, either. "A (bull) pen is an area where baseball pitchers warm up while waiting to be called into a game." Unlikely. "A pen is the internal horny feather-shaped shell of a squid." No, thanks. I'm not going to touch an internal part of a squid, much less drop it. "A pen is a female swan." Hmm, are we dropping swans? Again, not likely. "A pen is an implement for writing or drawing with ink or a similar fluid." That's it! We're dropping writing instruments!

But why would we be dropping pens? What's our goal? Our goal is part of the Great Commission, which tells us to spread the Good News around the world – the Good News that God loves us so much that He sent His Son to sacrifice himself for our sins. The pens that we drop bear a bit of that Good News. They say "God loves you – and we do too!" We're leaving (dropping) these pens in restaurants, banks, offices, and anywhere else someone might pick one up and be encouraged by the little message. Pick up a few of our little messengers from the container in the foyer, and join us in the Pen Drop Project.

What's a pen? "A pen is an instrument for sharing the Good News that God loves us all."

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**RENOVATIONS
CONTINUE**



Carpeting of the sanctuary and hallway of the main building as well as the placement of tile in bathrooms and entrances has been completed. New carpeting has also been installed in the office area and one classroom of the main building as well.

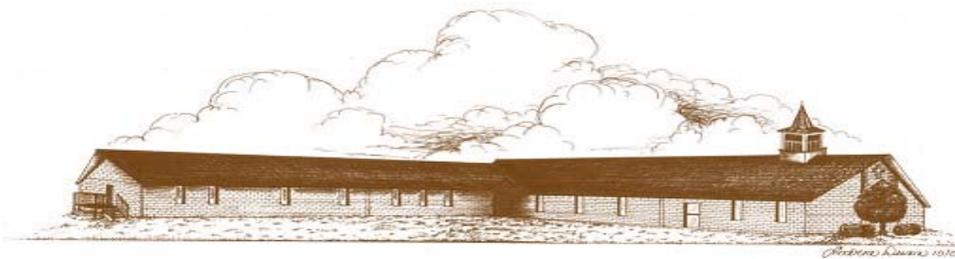
Repairs to the parking area of the church have also been made.

Another project in the near future will be replacement of windows in the sanctuary and main building.

Thank you for your patience and help in making these much needed improvements to our facilities.

A Gentle Reminder

God has generously provided through your gifts and donations for all of these improvements. Please show your respect for these provisions and blessings by keeping all food and drinks restricted to the church Fellowship Hall.



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