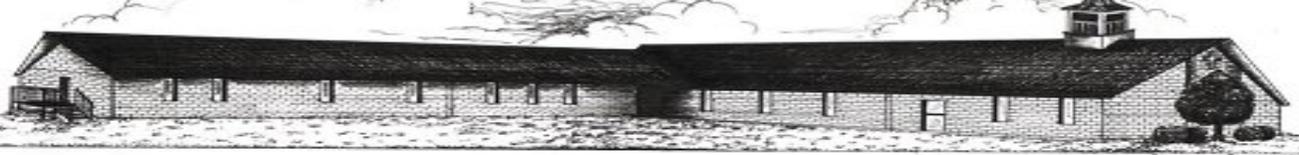


The Conversation



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TOTALLY HIS
HEART, HANDS, VOICE

Matthew 22:36-39

2013
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JOIN US SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
AS OUR WMU, SENIOR ADULTS AND YOUTH DECORATE "TINY TREES" FOR
RESIDENTS OF THE NURSING HOMES.



Christmas Cantata
Sunday, December 15
10:45 AM

Service Of Silent Communion
Christmas Eve, December 24
5:30 PM

Annual Christmas Meal
Sunday, December 15
6:00 PM

Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 22
10:45 AM

From Our Pastor
 Dr. D. L. Brewer

For years, the doctrine of the virgin birth has been under attack from skeptics and liberal theologians who claim it is an impossibility and not really necessary. They often point out the Hebrew word in Isaiah 7:14 is a word which can also mean "young woman" instead of "virgin."

But think about it: thousands and thousands of young Hebrew wives gave birth every year, so how could that be a "sign?" No, the only thing that would make the birth of Jesus stand out as a sign was the fact that He was born of a virgin.

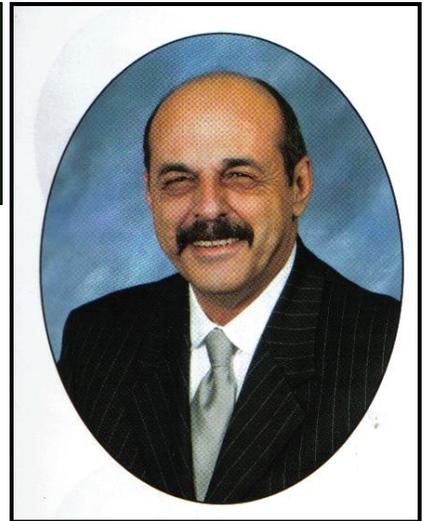
The only way Jesus could be divine is if He was born of a virgin with God as His Father. If Jesus wasn't born of a virgin, then He was an ordinary man. The entire doctrine of the Divinity of Christ rises and falls on the validity of the virgin birth. The miracles of the bodily resurrection of Jesus and the virgin birth of Jesus stand as two pillars that hold up the entire Christian faith.

During this month you will have a great many opportunities to join with others in a month long reminder of the greatness of God as we devote ourselves to celebrate the miraculous gift of a Savior.

From the decorating of miniature Christmas trees to a service of Silent Communion on Christmas Eve, you will have the opportunity to join with others in offering your gifts of praise and worship to our Father.

Although the Christmas Season is a time of celebrating birth, it is also a time when we begin to realize that the year has quickly vanished. We reflect upon the previous eleven months and take a quick inventory of our lives. Did we accomplish all that we had hoped during the year? Did we mend broken fences that needed to be mended? Did we grow spiritually? However we may answer those questions, the great news is that we have one more month to give attention to those details of life which need our attention. I pray that you will do that this month.

I also pray that you will make a commitment to involve yourself more fully in the life of your church family. Support your church through your attendance as well as financially and become an Ambassador for Christ and your church within the community. And, as always, if you have a need in your life that I can help with, don't hesitate to call on me.



Pastor Dennis Brewer
582-2495
 Cell Phone Number
624-9464
 Church Phone

**DEACONS FOR
 DECEMBER**



GLEN RENFRO



LARRY MORGAN



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN US CHRISTMAS
 EVE FOR A SERVICE OF SILENT COMMUNION
 BEGINNING AT
 5:30 PM**
*THIS IS ONE OF OUR MOST MOVING SERVICES
 OF THE YEAR.*

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Joshua McCoy
1	Clay Wilson
2	Janet Hagan
2	Ollie Jordan
5	Michael Carter
6	Joshua England
8	Rick Austin
8	Robin Mason
8	Karen Tackett
9	Chad Dillman
10	Jeff Cornelius
10	Virginia Johns
11	Richard Byers
11	Logan Slone
14	Sherry Baynum
14	Phil Brashear
14	Martin Jordan
15	Paul Price
17	Dell Robbins
19	Glen Cape
19	Alvin Cheng
19	Mallory Robinson
20	Derek King
20	Tim Puckett
20	Robert Yost
21	Ed Robinson
22	Daniel Aluru
22	April Heatherton
24	Sarah Cornett
24	Dwight Potter
26	Jessica Baynum
26	Robert Lyons
30	Earla Brackett
30	Ray Ball

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

16	Phil & Linda Brashear
31	Lawrence & Juanita Anderson

If you have additions or corrections to our Birthday and Anniversary listings, please share those with us by e-mail or by calling the church office.

You Can Hear Us On The Radio Each Week
WCBR-1110 AM
Sunday—10:00 AM
Tuesday—6:00 PM



UNIFIRES

Senior Adult Ministry
 Phil & Linda Brashear, Directors

As we come toward the beginning of winter, your UniFires are starting to pull back from the day-trips we were taking during the warm weather – kind of like groundhogs going to ground. On November 16, we stayed in Madison County, visiting the Dinner Bell in Berea. We had 22 attendees – more than we usually have for an activity away from the church. The food and service were excellent, but the fellowship was even better. A few of our ladies who haven't been too well lately were able to come, and we were very happy they could participate. At dessert time, numerous servings of coconut pie and blackberry cobbler were spotted (but you had to look quickly, because they didn't last long).

For the next few months, we'll "stay in." On December 21, we'll have a pot-luck dinner at church and exchange gifts. Each man attending will be asked to bring a gift appropriate for a man, and each woman will be asked to bring a gift appropriate for a woman. We'll set it up so that no one knows whose gift they're going to get. Please don't spend more than \$15.00 on a gift – apply the "less is more" philosophy. Gifts may be serious, funny, or a way of passing along something that you've been given but really don't want to keep.

We have tentatively identified activities for 2014, as follows:

Jan 18	Pizza, popcorn and a movie (at church)	June 21	Summer Pot-Luck
Feb 15	Valentine Pot-Luck	July 19	Riverboat Cruise (Newport/Cincinnati)
Mar 15	Toyota Plant Tour	Aug 16	Drama (Indoor or Outdoor)
Apr 16	Mini-bus Tour of Historic Sites in Central Kentucky (mid-week)	Sep 20	Train Ride (New Haven, KY)
May ??	Big Bus Tour of Indiana Amish Country (Date depends on tour company)	Oct 18	Cumberland Falls



The children will continue collecting food in December. Items needed:

December 1 ~ canned soups/chili and crackers

December 8 ~ pasta noodles, sauces and canned meat.

The children are practicing for their Christmas program every Sunday during the morning worship time. They will visit the nursing home on December 18, to present their program. I will let you know the time as soon as it is confirmed. On December 21, we will have a mandatory practice/dress rehearsal at 10:00am. Please continue to practice your music at home!





**DEACONS
FOR THE
MONTH**



DECEMBER

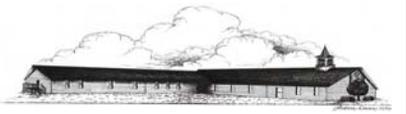


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Budget Committee Meets 5:00 PM	2	3 Executive Board Meeting Pilot Knob BC 7PM	4 Weekly Programs 6:30PM	5	6	7 WMU "TINY TREE" decorating for Nursing Home 10AM—4 PM
		LOTTIE MOON WEEK OF PRAYER—December 1-8				
8	9	10 TOPS Meets Ladies Cookie/Gift Exchange 6:30 PM	11 Weekly Programs 6:30PM	12	13	14 Men's Breakfast 8am Women's Breakfast 8:30am
15 Christmas Cantata Annual Holiday Meal—6:00 PM and WMU Silent Auction	16	17 TOPS Meets	18 Monthly Business Meeting 6:30PM	19	20	21 Senior Adult Christmas Pot-Luck 6:00 PM
22 Children's Party & Christmas Program Deacons & WMU	23	24 Christmas Eve Silent Communion 5:30 PM	25 Christmas	26	27	28
29 Fifth Sunday Fellowship	30	31 New Years Eve		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED		

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

SERVING THIS MONTH

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



DATE	USHERS	AM NURSERY	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP	PM NURSERY	GREETERS
December 1	Travis Taulbee Newt Newlin Lamont Leary Ed Robinson Jamie Moscrip Clay Wilson	Angela Gabbard Mildred Robinson	Holly Long Lucille Brewer	Lucille Brewer	Andy & Juanita Anderson Jamie & Jennifer Moscrip Wesley & Lindsey Morgan
December 8	Mitch Arms Brandon Smoot David Saylor Charles Long Cliff Mead Sean Brewer	Judy Dodd Linda Renfro	Tammy Simpson Carol Reeves	Peggy Weston	David & Patty Saylor Clarenetta Watters Clara Mieres
December 15	Shannon Noland Tom Bugee Phil Brahear K Gamble Wesley Morgan Andrew Mason	Cathy Robinson Stacy Taulbee	Lois Morgan Ima Dell Lowery	OPEN	Newt & Doris Newlin Shannon & Opal Noland Sean & Shannon Brewer
December 22	David Arms Drew Wilson Andy Anderson Bill Adams Rodger Mason Duard Hamm	Louise Ball Carol Reeves	Sherri Wilson Jennifer Moscrip	Sherri Wilson	K & Clayberta Gamble Phil & Linda Brashear Cora Willoughby
December 29	Fred Dodd Tom Bugbee David Saylor David Arms Rodger Mason Duard Hamm	Holly Long Melissa Durbin	Sherri Wilson Drew Wilson	Lucille Brewer	Geneva Doolin Art & Hazel Turner Phyllis Burns Lamont Leary Dell Robbins

REMEMBER

If you are unable to serve on the date you are scheduled, please contact another individual on our list of serving and trade a time of service with them or contact
Fred Dodd (Ushers) , Sherri Wilson (Child Care) or Pastor (Greeters)



Saturday, December 14
8:00 AM
Ryan's Restaurant



Saturday, December 14
8:30 AM
Frisch's Restaurant

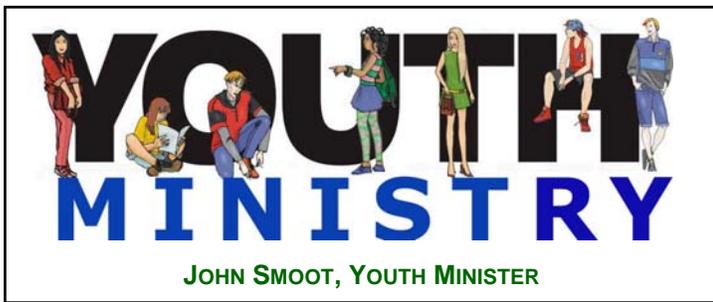
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Daily E-Mail Devotional
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dennislbrewer@bellsouth.net

SUNDAY SCHOOL



**it's time to
get connected**

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



*Then Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and mourned for his son many days. All his sons and daughters came to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. "No," he said, "in mourning will I go down to the grave to my son." So his father wept for him. **Genesis 37:34-35***

We are halfway through November while I'm writing this and that means Thanksgiving next week, then December and our celebration of our Lord's birth on Christmas day. We hope that everyone had a special time of thanksgiving with their families. We also have been praying for those of you that have lost loved ones over the previous several months as we realize that you have to spend this holiday time, for the first time, without those that have gone before us. We are in that situation ourselves as we lost Kim's dad and aunt this year. Please continue to pray for Kim, her mom and all of our family during this time.

I always think that this time of the year is a great time for us to sit back and realize how thankful we should be for what we have; we are truly a blessed people and nation. We have the opportunity to openly worship the one and only true God, the one that provides comfort and peace. The one that provides an opportunity for everything we have here on earth and the ability to do as we wish. We worship a Savior that has provided salvation even though we are not worthy of such salvation. He provides eternity for us in Glory and all He asks is that we have a relationship with Him, to walk with Him and to attempt to do His will. What an awesome God we serve.

Timing is probably good with the months Bible study lesson that we will be doing over the next several weeks. We will be discussing "Grief" We need to realize that it is OK to grieve, there is a time for everything and grief is a natural part of life, it's a natural expression of loss and we should not attempt to suppress these emotions. We need to be able to have the time to go through the stages of grief, denial, anger, bargaining, depression and lastly acceptance. Grief is caused by all kinds of things that cause us grief, death, other types of loss and even sin in our lives, but we have a healer that provides for us. I hope you were able to hear Melanie sing the "Hurt and the Healer" a few weeks ago, this is a powerful song about how He provides for us, He hears us and He can bring peace and healing that no one else can bring. There is light in the darkness and it's all about Jesus.

As we get closer to Christmas I ask that you remember the Kenwood Nursing home Angel Tree project for the residents of Kenwood. I have placed a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer, please sign up to let me know if you are willing to bless an individual at the nursing home

with a gift. Our WMU is assisting by opening our church on Saturday, December 2 for the afternoon to decorate items for the youth to take and help decorate the nursing home. Someone donated several small Christmas trees and other items and these will be used to provide decoration at Kenwood. Come on out during the day on December and see what's going on.

We have finished our study of Apologetic on Wednesday nights and have begun a new study on Doctrine. This will be a several week study and we will be covering some of the essential beliefs of Christianity, Creation, The Trinity, The Church, Sin and Salvation, and Worship. This will be another opportunity for our youth to strengthen their faith and knowledge of doctrine to help prepare them to share their faith with others.

Lastly, we are preparing for a ski trip to Winterplace Ski Resort in West Virginia. That trip will occur during MLK weekend, January 17-20. We will also have our chili cook-off in January so be getting out those chili recipes, you have had a whole year to prepare as there was not a Chili Cook-off at Unity during 2012. Let the challenges and Facebook chatter begin.

Have a blessed and Merry Christmas as you spend time with your family and friends. Remember the reason for the season and wish everyone you see a Merry Christmas! As always, thank you for your support and prayers for our youth, our church and us personally.



Visit Our Media Center

For Books, DVD's and other items that will aid You in your Christian growth, If you have questions, speak with Peggy Weston

WMU's Annual Gift/Cookie Exchange
(The year's most fun!)
Thursday, December 11
6:30 pm
in Fellowship Hall



We'll enjoy an appetizer potluck before exchanging gifts (\$15 limit). If you want to participate in the cookie exchange, bake a batch of cookies or Christmas candies and bring a container to haul your loot home!

If you have questions, contact Clarenetta Watters



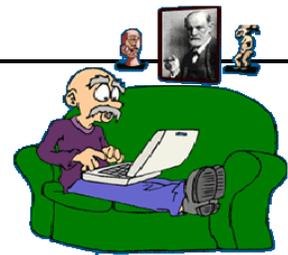
Don't Forget The
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MEAL
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
6:00 PM



The church will provide the meats (turkey and ham) and you are asked to bring side dishes and deserts as well as a two liter of soft drink or tea.

Parcel's Page

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



Buying gifts for men is not nearly as complicated as it is for women. Follow these rules and you should have no problems.

Rule #1:

When in doubt - buy him a cordless drill. It does not matter if he already has one. I have a friend who owns 17 and he has yet to complain. As a man, you can never have too many cordless drills. No one knows why.

Rule #2:

If you cannot afford a cordless drill, buy him anything with the word ratchet or socket in it. Men love saying those two words. "Hey George, can I borrow your ratchet?" "OK. By-the-way, are you through with my 3/8-inch socket yet?" Again, no one knows why.

Rule #3:

If you are really, really broke, buy him anything for his car, a 99 cent ice scraper, a small bottle of deicer or something to hang from his rear view mirror. Men love gifts for their cars. No one knows why.

Rule #4:

Never buy men bathrobes. Once I was told that if God had wanted men to wear bathrobes, he wouldn't have invented Jockey shorts.



Rule #5:

You can buy men new remote controls to replace the ones they have worn out. If you have a lot of money buy your man a big -screen TV with the little picture in the corner. Watch him go wild as he flips, and flips, and flips.

Rule #6:

Do not buy any man industrial-sized canisters of after-shave or deodorant. I'm told they do not stink - they are earthy.

Rule #7:

Buy men label makers. Almost as good as cordless drills. Within a couple of weeks there will be labels absolutely everywhere. "Socks. Shorts. Cups. saucers. Door. Lock. Sink." You get the idea. No one knows why. (ABSOLUTELY TRUE!!)

Rule #8:

Never buy a man anything that says "some assembly required" on the box. It will ruin his Special Day and he will always have parts left over. No one knows why.

Rule #9:

Good places to shop for men include Northwest Iron Works, Parr Lumber, Home Depot, John Deere, Valley RV Center, and Les Schwab Tire. (NAPA Auto Parts and Sears Clearance Centers are also excellent men's stores.) It doesn't matter if he doesn't know what it is. ("From NAPA Auto, eh? Must be something I need. Hey! Isn't this a starter for a '68 Ford Fairlane? Wow! thanks.")



Pen Drop Project

A Quiet Witness
Phil & Linda Brashear, Directors



By now, it's likely that everyone knows about the Pen Drop Project – a Unity Baptist Church project that leaves inexpensive ball-point pens, with the message "**God loves you – and so do we!**", at locations throughout Richmond and Madison County. The purpose is to try to spread the simple message of God's love and to let people know that our church welcomes them.

But how is this project financed? The pens cost about 22 cents each – currently just under \$220 per thousand, including shipping. Does the church pay for the pens? Is this cost covered in the budget? Well, the answer is yes and no. Since it's a church project, there is a budget line for it. However, to date, every time we've ordered a thousand pens, someone has made a specific donation to cover the cost – so it doesn't come out of our regular tithes and offerings.

Everyone is asked to take part in distributing the pens, but would you like to go a step further and help defray the expense? We'll need to order another thousand pens in about three months (March of 2014). If you want to pay for an order, talk to the pastor, or to Linda and Phil Brashear. If you'd like to help, but feel that \$220 is more than you can do, that's OK. You might even get together with some others and contribute as a small group. BUT... whether you provide funds or not, we want you to pick up some pens from the bowl in the foyer and drop them wherever you go!

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
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The Silent Auction



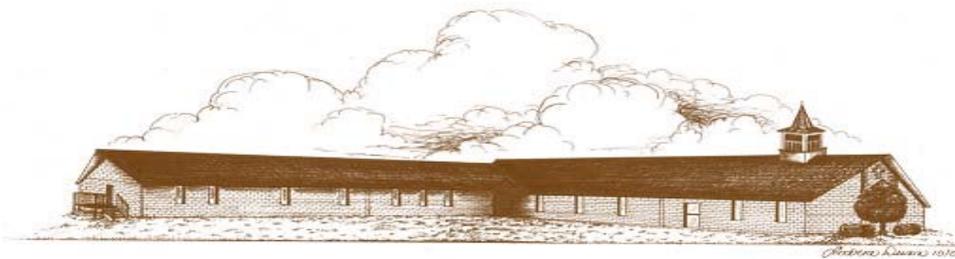
The WMU will sponsor their 2nd annual Silent Auction during our annual Christmas Meal on

**Sunday, December 15
6:00 PM**

Remember to get ready your baked goods, crafts, jewelry or other items you wish to donate.

The money raised by the auction last year was used to assist with needs of some of those within our church family.

If you need additional information, speak with Clarenetta Watters, WMU Director or call the church office.



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