

The Conversation



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UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH—RICHMOND, KENTUCKY

February 2012

A MONTH FOR FRIENDS

AT

UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

WITNESS TO YOUR FRIENDS
PRAY FOR YOUR FRIENDS
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO WORSHIP
ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS



My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. [John 15:12-15]

UNITY
BAPTIST CHURCH

WHATEVER IT TAKES FOR JESUS: COL. 1:18

PROCLAIMING God's Word!



From Our Pastor

Dr. D. L. Brewer

"The heartfelt counsel of a friend is as sweet as perfume and incense." Proverbs 27:9 (NLT)

Friends. They come in all shapes and sizes. Some have big hearts. A few deliver the sunshine of laughter. One may offer a slender shoulder for you to cry on. One might listen while you whine, while another may speak the truth even when it hurts. One may bring a casserole when you are sick, still another offers a prayer for healing. Friends will compliment you, hug you, watch your kids, and send you a birthday card. Or they might call once a year just to catch up on life. Whatever type of friends filter through your life, true healthy friendships are a gift from God.

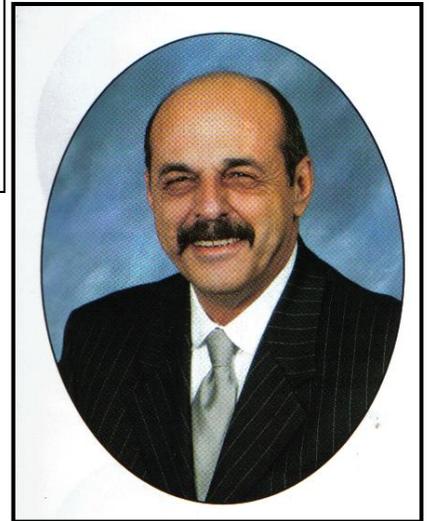
We learn the importance of friendship at a very early age. One little three- year-old girl was overheard throwing out the worst insult she could conceive. Her little freckled face in a scowl, she growled to a playmate, "You not my friend!"

Of course, in order to have good friends, you must be a good friend to others. Certain qualities promote deep and lasting friendships. For example, honesty and loyalty set the foundation for friendship that can last a lifetime. You probably haven't thought of it but I would suggest that your best friends are people you can trust and you want them to know they can trust you also. In addition, patience, kindness and a sense of humor are essential in developing and maintaining enduring friendship. Do you show kindness, patience, humor and grace in your friendships?

Perhaps the greatest compassion you can show to a friend is to gently witness to them of the greatest of all friends, Jesus. Make February a month for doing this with your friends, praying for them, encouraging them, and inviting them to join you in the expression of love and worship to the one who revealed the depth of His friendship by making it possible for us to gain the gift of eternal life....

Marriage Renewal Service Sunday, February 12

Couples will be provided an opportunity to renew their wedding vows during our Morning Worship hour. Plan to join us as we make a recommitment to our promises of life long love and devotion.



Pastor Dennis Brewer
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Cell Phone Number
624-9464
Church Phone

DEACONS FOR FEBRUARY



Fred Dodd



Wesley Frazier

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Leslie Pedneau
- 2 Clarenetta Watters
- 3 Kim Smoot
- 4 Dan Rotermund
- 4 Steve Vescio
- 5 Mary Alice England
- 6 Linda Lowery
- 6 Arianna Mason
- 6 Tyler M. Roark
- 7 Joe Weber
- 7 Michael Brooks
- 8 Beverly Desimone
- 8 Liz James
- 8 Tyler James
- 8 Bill Vinson
- 11 Katrina Wilson
- 12 Jerry Leach
- 12 Henry Charles Scott
- 13 Sandy Murphy
- 13 Amanda Cornelius
- 13 David Snyder
- 14 David Lim
- 15 Tammy Simpson
- 17 K Gamble
- 17 Jackie Kidd
- 18 Pam Bowlin
- 18 Destnie Cox
- 19 Geneva Doolin
- 19 Jeremy Holsinger
- 20 Katie Jones
- 21 Brandy Baker
- 22 Gloria McGuire
- 22 Craig Renfro
- 23 Brent Basham
- 25 Leslie Salisbury
- 25 Glen Renfro
- 26 Jimmy Caldwell
- 27 Evan Roberts
- 27 Chad S. Farmer

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 David & Sally Arms
- 5 Steven & DeAnna Frazier
- 12 Jason & Katrina Wilson
- 19 Lowell & Stacy Taulbee
- 19 Duard & Helen Hamm

If we do not have a correct record of your Anniversary or Birthday or, if a birthday should be added to our list, please let us know by speaking with the Pastor or by e-mailing him at

dennislbrewer@bellsouth.net

PEN DROP PROJECT

Pen Drop Project Continues!



The Pen Drop Project has been resurrected. We were out of pens, and the church agreed to suspend the project until we had a better understanding of our financial position – unless someone wanted to contribute another order of pens. Of course, God came through, and someone donated the cost of another thousand pens. The first ones were blue, but this second set is maroon with white lettering. Makes you wonder if there's a connection to university sports, doesn't it?

Let me remind you how the Pen Drop Project works. It's really quite simple. Pick up a few pens and carry them with you. When you go out to eat, leave a pen with your tip. It carries the message "God loves you – and we do too!" along with the church name, address and phone number. Who knows what God will do with a message like that?

Would you like to help fund this project? Pray about it and see where God leads you. For your information, we were able to get the second thousand pens for just under \$230.00. Of course, this thousand should last several months.



Refresh

Steven & Deanna Frazier, Directors

We want to encourage the members to make us aware of any needs in the elderly/shut-in population. We would like to do things for people that they cannot do for themselves (*Changing light bulbs, leaking faucet, or other minor repairs, etc*).

If you are in need of repairs or, if you have skills and time to make some of the repairs which may be requested and would like to volunteer, let us know by returning the form below to

Steven or Deanna Frazier or to our Pastor. They will be in touch with you and schedule a time to make the repair.

DID YOU KNOW?

Over 10,000 people read our Pastor's Daily E-Mail Devotional each weekday. If you would like to be added to the list for receiving this daily word of encouragement, e-mail the Pastor and you will be added.

We also have a few remaining copies of the Fall Lifeway Sunday School Quarterly featuring "It's A Miracle" written by our Pastor. Just as for a copy in the Church Office. One Million Copies of the lessons were distributed to SBC Churches nationwide.

**DEACONS
FOR THE
MONTH**



FEBRUARY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
 5 Church Council Meets 5:00 PM	A MONTH FOR FRIENDS AT UNITY BAPTIST		1 Midweek Programs 6:30 PM	2	3	4 Senior Adults to Morning Pointe for Dinner	
6 Church Council Meets 5:00 PM	7	8	8 Midweek Programs 6:30 PM	9 Sunday School Workers Meet 6:00-8:30 pm	10	11 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM	
12 Ladies Appreciation Night Dinner 6:00 PM	13	14 Valentines Day	15 Monthly Business Meeting @ 6:30 PM	16	17	18	
19	20	21 Ladies Bible Study	22 Midweek Programs 6:30 PM	23	24 Young At Heart Valentine Potluck Noon TCBA Office	25 TCBS Disciple Now Weekend	
26 Deacons Meet WMU Meets 5:00 PM	27	28 Ladies Bible Study	29 Fifth Wednesday Fellowship 6:30 PM	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
FEBRUARY 5	Fred Dodd Sean Brewer Art Turner Vernon Lamb Charles Long Michael Brooks	Judy Barker Sheila Brooks	Holly Long Lois Morgan	Janie Jordan	K & Clayberta Gamble Sean & Shannon Brewer
FEBRUARY 12	Fred Dodd David Snyder Tom Bugbee Duard Hamm Rodger Mason Lamont Leary	Judy Dodd Linda Renfro	Tammy Simpson Carol Reeves	Peggy Weston	Rodger & Robin Mason Clarenetta Watters Clara Mieres
FEBRUARY 19	Fred Dodd David Musick Andy Anderson Bill Barker K Gamble Jamie Moscrip	Kathy Robinson Stacy Taulbee	Lois Morgan Scarlett Whitaker	Lucille Brewer	Andy & Juanita Anderson Jamie & Jennifer Moscrip
FEBRUARY 26	Fred Dodd Sean Brewer Art Turner Vernon Lamb Charles Long Michael Brooks	Louise Ball Amanda Renfro	Sherri Wilson Jennifer Moscrip	Sherri Wilson	Dell Robbins Lamont Leary Ima Dale Lowery
MARCH 4	Fred Dodd David Snyder Tom Bugbee Duard Hamm Rodger Mason Lamont Leary	Judy Barker Sheila Brooks	Holly Long Lois Morgan	Janie Jordan	Geneva Doolin Art & Hazel Turner Cora Willoughby

Reminder To All Sunday School Teachers

Plan to join us on Thursday, February 9 6:00—8:30



As we discuss our Sunday School and set goals for the year.



Join You Friends At The Men's SECOND SATURDAY FELLOWSHIP

FEBRUARY 11

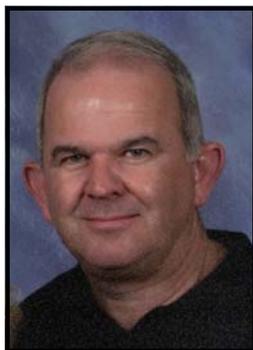
8:00 AM

RYAN'S RESTAURANT

And bring a friend along with you.....

Youth Notes

JOHN SMOOT, YOUTH MINISTER



We are supposed to be in winter but as I write this I'm not certain what the season is. The only proof so far that I have that it is winter is that the youth went on the third annual ski trip to Winterplace West Virginia. Twenty one adults and youth left for West Vir-

ginia on Friday, January 13 in four different vehicles. These four vehicles were need because of the number of people and luggage. I'm not sure how an unmentioned 15 year old youth, Coye, could pack so much but I am certain she left nothing in her parent's house when she left. I had to put a C-41 transport on hold just in case, ok, ok I do exaggerate a little, not much, but you would not read this if I didn't. The skinning was decent, there was new snow the weekend before we arrived and there was even snow in Richmond during that weekend. One of the neat things about being in youth ministry is that I get to see other peoples kids grow in many ways. One of those is in activities like this ski trip. As mentioned earlier, this is the third ski trip Unity youth have been on since my family arrived at Unity. I have seen a few of these that had never seen skis grow into very accomplished skiers; Scarlett, Drew and Clay are three that quickly come to mind. I could tell you a story about Clay and him going on a ski trip with my old church before we came to Unity but I won't embarrass either him or myself. These youth are growing in many ways, I have seen growth in the most important way and that is in their relationship with Christ, there are pitfalls as with anyone who travels this path and we need to remember it's a long distance race and not a sprint. Let's help them build endurance in this race; we can't be the blind leading the blind. This ski trip is one that the youth have grown to look forward to and I am excited that we can do it for them, without your support many of these youth activities could not be completed. I sincerely appreciate the support that Unity provides for it's youth. We are blessed to have many individuals that are always willing to provide in one way or another, whether it be driving a van, their personal vehicle or dropping some money for the youth fund, things always happen when they need to. These youth are the future of our country! I tell them all the time that if we loose them and they do not become Disciples of Christ then this country is in trouble! Unity Baptist church, you are the leaders, the ministers that are responsible for disciplining these youth and babes in Christ. Discipleship and evangelism are important things that we need to be focused on. God commands that we make disciples of others, discipleship requires building a relationship between older and younger Christians, It's more than teaching, it's guiding, directing and preparing the disciple to do the ministry, that's what Christ did during His time on this earth.

Thank you Unity for all you do for Him! As disciples, we cannot love an illusion, these kids and babes in Christ will figure that out.

Blessings
John

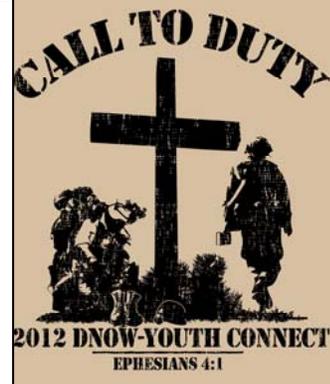
Disciple Now 2012

"Call TO Duty!"

February 24-25

**\$25 per student,
Includes T-shirt!**

**"...walk in a manner worthy of
your calling... Ephesians 4:1**



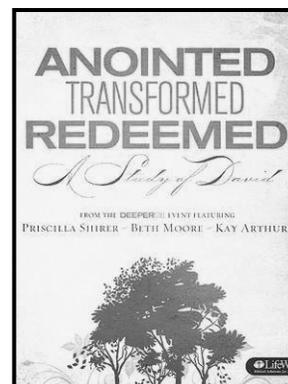
For The Ladies

Join us for a Bible Study Beginning
February 21 entitled

**Anointed,
Transformed, Redeemed:
A Study of David**

**Workbooks are \$12.50. A Sign up
sheet will be posted.**

**For more information speak with Melanie
Musick or Tami Bugbee**



An Invitation For All Our Ladies and Girls

**Join us on Sunday,
February 12
6:00 PM**



**As the men and boys of Unity Baptist
prepare and serve you a meal
in the fellowship hall of the church.**

**This is our way of saying "Thank You"
For all that you have meant to our
lives this past year.**

Parcel's Page

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



Role Switch

A journalist had done a story on gender roles in Kuwait several years before the Gulf War, and she noted then that women customarily walked about 10 feet behind their husbands.

She returned to Kuwait recently and observed that the men now walked several yards behind their wives. She approached one of the women for an explanation. "This is marvelous," said the journalist. "What enabled the women to achieve this reversal of roles? Replied the Kuwaiti woman: "Land mines!"

Smart Move

There were 11 people hanging on to a rope that came down from a helicopter. Ten were men and one woman.

They all decided that one person should get off because if they didn't, the rope would break and everyone would die. No

one could decide who should go. Finally the woman gave a really touching speech on how she would give up her life to save the others, because women were used to giving up things for their husbands and children and giving in to men.

All of the men started clapping.

Blind Signals

I was crossing the street with an intellectually challenged co-worker of mine and she asked if I knew what the buzzer was for. I explained that it buzzes to signal blind people when the light is red.

Appalled, she responded, "What on earth are blind people doing driving?!"



UNIFIRES

Senior Adult Ministry
Phil & Linda Brashear, Directors



The UniFires continue to go like wildfire – in fact, I often accidentally say “wildfires” instead of “UniFires.”

This is Phil, bringing you up to date on the where-and-what of the Senior Adults. We went to Michael's (in Ravenna) on January 21 for a buffet dinner (one of our favorite activities). I'd never been there, but everyone had told me about the great food – and they were right. They'd also told me about the butter roll dessert, which I'd never heard of. It was good, but I'm not really a dessert guy. Everyone seemed to have a great time, and most of us ate too much.

Our next activity is a visit to the Morning Pointe Senior Care Center here in Richmond. We had originally planned to have a pot-luck dinner at church and watch the UK-South Carolina basketball game. It turns out that we can't get the game on TV at church, so what were we to do? Suddenly, out of the blue (out of God's grace), I got an e-mail from the Director at Morning Pointe, inviting our seniors to have a (free) meal at their facility. She had found the church Web-site and decided to contact me. I called, we talked for a while, and arranged to have dinner and then to watch the game with their Wildcat-fan residents.

We've collected some UK-related items and plan to give them to the residents as door prizes. UK Athletics was kind enough to donate a picture of Coach Calipari. That should please some resident Wildcat fan!

We haven't yet made plans for future months, but have gotten some suggestions – pot-luck with birthday celebration, trip to the Creation Museum, riverboat ride on the Kentucky River, and others. Please contact Linda or me if you have any ideas or requests.

As always, all people (members, visitors, friends) who are 65 or older are welcome, and if someone in that group has a frequent companion who is under 65 (or doesn't want to admit being 65), they're absolutely welcome to come along.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Dr. D. L. Brewer, Pastor
 Marion Turley, Senior Associate Pastor
 Sam Sowder, Associate Pastor
 Mark Williams, Minister of Music
 Sherri Wilson, Children's Ministry Director
 John Smoot, Minister to Youth
 Sherri Wilson, Children's Ministry
 Phil & Linda Brashear, Sr. Adult Ministry
 Steven & Deana Frazier, Refresh Ministry
 Becky Bryant, Secretary
 Tim Bryant, Custodian
 Laura McGhee, Financial Secretary
 Charles Long, Chair of Deacons
 Fred Dodd, Chair of Ushers
 Tammy Simpson, Clerk
 Debra Vescio, Treasurer
 Rhojalia Rhodus, Sound Room
 Peggy Weston, Media Center Director
 Rhojalia Rhodus, Sunday School Director
 Melanie Musick, WMU Director
 Tom Bugbee, TeamKid Director
 Janie Jordan, College & Career Director

ACTIVE DEACONS

Charles Long, Chair

Larry Morgan	Rodger Mason
Bill Grigsby	Tim Simpson
Art Turner	Wesley Frazier

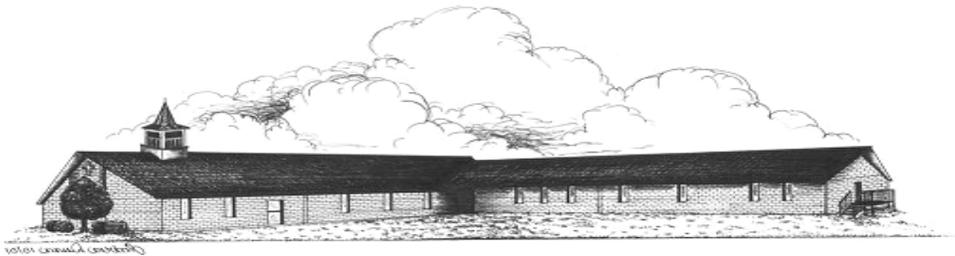
INVITE A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR TO WORSHIP WITH YOU THIS AND EVERY SUNDAY.....



**WANT TO KNOW A SECRET?
 THEN MAKE PLANS TO VISIT THE BETTY JAMES GRIGSBY MEDIA CENTER FOR BOOKS AND VIDEOS.**

THE CENTER ALSO HAS PRINTED COPIES OF MANY OF THE MESSAGES DELIVERED BY OUR PASTOR AND THEY ALSO HAVE SERMONS BY THE PASTOR ON CD. THE MEDIA CENTER IS OPEN EACH SUNDAY BEFORE MORNING WORSHIP HOUR.
FOR OTHER HOURS, SPEAK WITH PEGGY WESTON OR JUDY DODD

WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU AT UNITY. DO YOU FEEL LED TO VOLUNTEER FOR ONE OF OUR MANY MINISTRIES? JUST LET US KNOW.



The Unity Baptist Church

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