

The Conversation

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Your
Care

His
Promise

Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven. [Matthew 5:16]

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is with great joy that I am able to write this letter to you. Consider all the great things that can be done through the Lord our God. Your church has opened up an opportunity for ministry and outreach like no other in the entire area or region, perhaps the state. Through the partnership of Your Care - His Promise, Inc. Great things are about to be accomplished through our father.

For those of you who haven't been informed. The clinic will operate much like a parish nursing ministry. Most of these are managed by a registered nurse. This will be similar but managed and operated by a nurse practitioner. Thus, allowing a much broader health care service. Nurse Practitioners can assess, diagnose, and provide treatment along with prescribing medications. The mission is to provide persons needing medical attention that have no insurance or the means of not coming up with their increasing deductibles. A minimum fee will be charged to cover the expenses for the operation of the clinic. This is possible through your parish providing a generous space to operate out of.

With the provision of a team ministry approach we will be able to reach many people who are going without basic health care needs. Not only will they be blessed with physical health but emotional and spiritual health as well. A team ministry approach that integrates healing with faith! Who does that a peer asked me? My reply was simply our Lord above!!

Thank you for your faith and obedience to our calling in serving others in need. If you have questions please feel free to contact me. All volunteers are welcomed.

God bless,
Kim Brewer-McIntosh

From Our Pastor

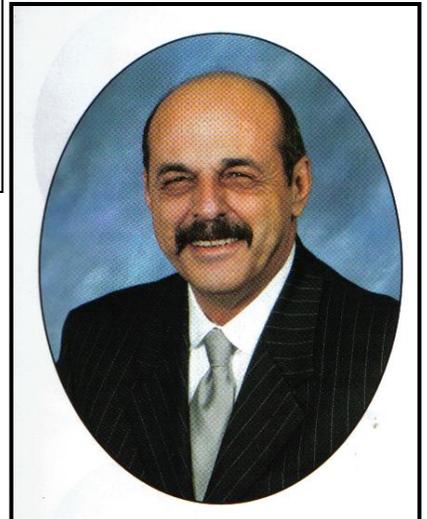
Dr. D. L. Brewer

This is an exciting time to be a part of Unity Baptist Church. In our recent Business meeting, the church approved a partnership Clinic that will operate two days weekly in our facility. The clinic will be directed toward those without insurance or whose deductibles are such that it prevents them from choosing health care. Read the letter from Kim on the front page of this issue of the Conversation and keep this ministry to our community in your prayers.

The church has also approved a **“Seize The Day”** campaign to completely eradicate our church debt. We currently owe **\$63,800** on our property and facilities [appraised at 1.5 million dollars] and our prayers are that this will be completely paid by the time of our Church Anniversary services the last weekend of July. [Carroll Roberson and Donna will be with us for four services on that weekend.] The committee will be sharing with us additional information in the next few weeks and you can also see the information on our church web site.

Our Youth and Senior Adult Ministries, Refresh and our Children’s Ministries continue to touch lives and share the joy of Christian fellowship and witness to many others, not only within our church, but within the community as well. Ask us how you can be involved in the many ministries and opportunities of your church.

While I may appear prejudiced, I daily am reminded of the **“Uniqueness of Unity.”** The family atmosphere and the depth of compassion and love which our people hold for each other is a reflection of the depth of God’s love for each of us., Thank you for your faithfulness to our Lord and to this body of believers and, as always, if I may ever be of help, don’t hesitate to call upon me.



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DEACONS FOR MARCH



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Glen Renfro



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DIRECTORY OF CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS
 Copies of our most recent Directory of Church Family and Friends are now available and may be picked up during any service. We will be updating the Directory once more in April. IN the event there are corrections, please share those with us as soon as possible in order that changes might be made in the April edition.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3	Amanda Potter
3	Travis Cecil
4	Scott Basham
4	Andrew Jones
5	Stacy Taulbee
7	Kelli Scott
7	Tim Stamps
8	Tami Bugbee
8	Cassidy Lim
9	Scottie Brewer
10	Matthew Burns
11	David Jarvis
11	Ronnie Morris
11	Jennifer Puckett
12	Jamie Michelle Land
12	Rodger Mason
12	Patricia Smith
13	Linda Brashear
13	Saydie Cox
13	Cole Morgan
13	Carolyn Turley
14	Patti Preston
14	Jacklyn Fultz
15	Janet Horne
15	David K. Musick
16	Kym Rotermund
16	Philip Skidmore
17	Jennifer Whitaker
18	Dolly Johnson
18	Wyatt Ball
19	Kasey N. Hub
19	Matt Baker
19	John Smoot
20	Jimmy Caudill
21	Brandon Slone
23	Kevin Tedlock
24	Vicki Cape
25	John McGuire
26	David Morgan
26	Franklin Marcum
27	Christy Green
29	Larry Morgan
29	Kay Potter
30	Ima Dale Lowery
30	Melanie Burns Tribble

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

4	Wayne & Christy Cornelius
11	John & Kim Smoot
26	Jeff & Margaret Cornelius
28	Ray & Louise Ball
29	Victor & Beverly DeSimone

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

UNIFIRES

Senior Adult Ministry
Phil & Linda Brashear, Directors



Who are the UniFires?

We're the senior adults of Unity Baptist Church. Our mission is to provide a social environment where mature adults can feel the love of Christ acting through His disciples.

What do we do?

We have monthly activities, usually including a meal and always including a spiritual component. We love and support one another, and we try to reach out to senior adults across the community. You'll see some of our activities below.

Who can participate?

Basically, we want to include people over 65. If an over-65 participant has a constant companion who is below the age limit, they're also welcome. We start with Unity Baptist Church members and attendees, but we also welcome members and attendees of other churches, as well as unchurched seniors across the community.

Recent and anticipated activities

In February, we went to the Morning Pointe Senior Care Center here in Richmond. There, we had a really good dinner with the residents and then watched the UK-South Carolina basketball game with them. They're real Wildcat fans! Kentucky ran away with the Gamecocks, but it was fun. The Center provided snacks and a Wildcat cake. Both our group and the Center provided door prizes, and one resident won an autographed picture of UK Coach John Calipari.

On March 17, we're planning a pot-luck dinner, with senior members of one or two other churches in the community as our guests. We'll also be celebrating birthdays occurring in January, February and March.

For April, we think we'll go to Lexington's MusicLand on the 21st, to listen to a variety of live music (including a Christian music segment). We'll have to decide whether to eat there or go to a restaurant before the vent.

May 4 will be another trip to Renfro Valley for dinner and the Inspirations/Primitive Quartet concert.

Later in the year, we're planning trips to Michael's (Irvine/Ravenna), Shaker Village (with a riverboat ride), another carry-in dinner/birthday celebration, and lunch at McCloud Mountain, Tennessee.

Won't you join us in some of our activities?

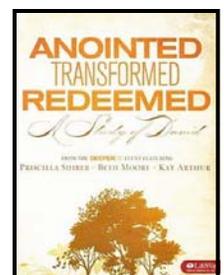
For The Ladies

Join us for a Bible Study Each Tuesday during March.

Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed:
A Study of David

Workbooks are \$12.50.

For more information speak with Melanie Musick or Tami Bugbee





**DEACONS
FOR THE
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MARCH

North American Missions

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FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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						
4 Church Council Meets 5:00 PM	5	6 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM	7 Midweek Programs 6:30 PM	8	9	10 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM
North American Missions Emphasis & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering						
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins	12	13 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM	14 Midweek Programs 6:30 PM	15	16	17 Senior Adult Pot-Luck Meal with two visiting Churches
Youth Connect—First Baptist Church						
18	19	20 <i>Associational Executive Board, Pilot Knob @ 7 PM</i> Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM	21 Monthly Business Meeting @ 6:30 PM	22	23	24 Brooke Coots Benefit Madison Central
25 Deacons Meet WMU Meets 5:00 PM	26	27 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM	28 Midweek Programs 6:30 PM	29	30	31

SERVING THIS MONTH

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



DATE	USHERS	AM NURSERY	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP	PM NURSERY	GREETERS
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
MARCH 11	Fred Dodd David Snyder Tom Bugbee Duard Hamm Rodger Mason Lamont Leary	Judy Dodd Linda Renfro	Tammy Simpson Carol Reeves	Peggy Weston	K & Clayberta Gamble Sean & Shannon Brewer
MARCH 18	Fred Dodd David Musick Andy Anderson Bill Barker K Gamble Jamie Moscrip	Kathy Robinson Stacy Taulbee	Lois Morgan Scarlett Whitaker	Lucille Brewer	Rodger & Robin Mason Clarenetta Watters Clara Mieres
MARCH 25	Fred Dodd Sean Brewer Art Turner Vernon Lamb Charles Long Michael Brooks	Louise Ball Amanda Renfro	Sherri Wilson Jennifer Moscrip	Sherri Wilson	Andy & Juanita Anderson Jamie & Jennifer Moscrip
APRIL 3	Fred Dodd David Snyder Tom Bugbee Duard Hamm Rodger Mason Lamont Leary	Judy Barker Sheila Brooks	Holly Long Lois Morgan	Janie Jordan	Dell Robbins Lamont Leary Ima Dale Lowery

Ladies Retreat

**WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT TO GATLINBURG,
APRIL 19-22.**

Cost is \$90 for lodging on Thur/Fri/Sat nights, transportation to and from, and some meals.

Kim Smoot has details on lesson material and meals.

Opportunities for shopping in addition to learning and fellowship.

Cowboy Church on Sunday before returning to Richmond.

Mark your calendars for this annual outing by our ladies.



**Join You Friends At The Men's
SECOND SATURDAY FELLOWSHIP**

MARCH 10

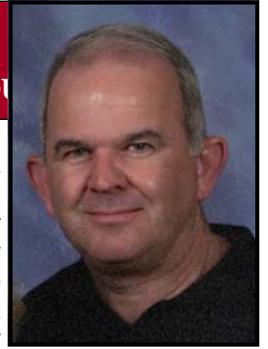
8:00 AM

RYAN'S RESTAURANT

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

Youth Notes

JOHN SMOOT, YOUTH MINISTER



to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. [Ephesians 4:12-13]

It is the middle of February and I'm still not sure of the season. Good news is that our kids have not missed any school due to snow so unless we see some really bad weather in March they should be out of school on schedule and that's a good thing.

We have scheduled our mission trip this year for June 3 – 9. We will be going to eastern Kentucky to minister in Appalachia. I served with Big Creek Missions there right before coming to Unity and I can tell you that it will be a positive ministry experience for our youth and adults that attend. With that being said, if any adults out there want to add on please let me know and I will try to get that done. As of now, I have reserved 24 slots and by the time you read this I will have had to cancel those that are not committed with the deposit. There is always the possibility of adding on but I will tell you that at last check every week of missions for Big Creek was filled except for our week and there were only a handful of slots left for it. The cost for the trip is \$170 per person and includes most of the food etc. I want to offset some of these costs for our families so we will be doing a fundraiser or two over the next couple months.

During February we were studying stewardship and resource management. We are living in a time of recession and at times I'm not sure our youth understand the importance or consequences of taking care of business. They all use technology that we did not grow up with and see celebrities, sports figures and others being irresponsible with worldly possessions. We have been trying to instill in them the reality that we are accountable for our stewardship, Matthew 25:19-30 emphasizes that those that are faithful with what God gives them will be trusted and rewarded with more. With that being said we need to remember that we are not talking about a prosperity gospel, God's blessings come to us in many ways, such as our time, talents, spiritual gifts, personality and experiences. It's our responsibility to manage all these blessings for His glory. We should remember that everything we have belongs to Him in the first place. He appreciates one that gives generously, willingly and expectantly. We started with nothing and we are going to end with nothing. I sure hope that we glorify Him with what He has given us during our time here, and then one day we can hear, well done my good and faithful servant.

We will have concluded the third year of Discipleship Now weekend as you read this and be preparing for Youth Connect. Both of these events are important events in our strategy to disciple our youth and strengthen their faith and walk with Christ. During the DNOW weekend they were exposed to a lesson from Exodus and study of the faith journey of Moses. Through this study we have hoped to strengthen the reality that faith requires trust, courage, obedience and action. At times I can see all of these in our youth but the reality is that just like all people it's sometimes one step forward, two steps back. Keep praying for their continued growth, as well as each of ours.

The Youth Connect week will feature a week of worship with the Seth Medley Band as the worship leaders, this is the third year for the band coming to Richmond and they have been a blessing. Our focus scripture for the week will be Ephesians 4:1 with a slogan "Call To Duty" as we discuss how we should all work together in "unity" as we strive to grow together in maturity.

Lastly, I want to briefly talk Sunday School/Bible Study. I truly believe that as we all strive to grow like Him that the Sunday School/Bible Study hour and small groups are one of the most important activities to help us in that endeavor. With that being said, we have a lot of our congregation that do not attend Sunday school, I am curious why? Is it that we don't have a class that fits your needs, or some other thing that we can help you with? If you don't mind, drop me a note, you can stick it in the youth box at the front door if you like and let me know what we can do to peak your desire to attend. Secondly, if you are interested in teaching or being an assistant in SS we would love to have you involved. As He grows His church we will need to birth new classes and that requires leadership. We currently are in desperate need for young adult teachers, previously the college and career class, as well as teachers for other children and youth classes. If you are being led to get involved in small group leadership, please give me a call or chase me down, I am easy to catch.

Unity Baptist church, you are the leaders and 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. We need you!

Thank you Unity for all you do for Him!

Blessings!

John

BROOKE COOTS BENEFIT SCHEDULED

There will be a benefit in honor Of Brooke Coots on March 24,2012 at Madison Central High School between 6:00-10:00pm.

The family has several items for people to bid on, including a signed UK football and basketball. And also items from local business that have been donated. There will also be several drawings and a raffle throughout the event.

Brooke is 17 years old and is dying from Osteosarcoma (bone cancer). We (family) are helping with granting her final wish. Your help is much appreciated.

Brooks' Family

Parcel's Page

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



You will forget it



An 80 year old couple were having problems remembering things, so they decided to go to their doctor to get checked out to make sure nothing was wrong with them. When they arrived at the doctor's, they explained to the doctor about the problems they were having with their memory.

After checking the couple out, the doctor tells them that they were physically okay but might want to start writing things down and make notes to help them remember things. The couple thanked the doctor and left.

Later that night while watching TV, the old man got up from his chair and his wife asks, "Where are you going?"

He replies, "To the kitchen."

She asks, "Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?" He replies, "Sure."

She then asks him, "Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?"

He says, "No, I can remember that."

She then says, "Well, I also would like some strawberries on top. You had better write that down cause I know you'll forget that."

He says, "I can remember that, you want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries."

She replies, "Well, I also would like whip cream on top. I know you will forget that so you better write it down."

With irritation in his voice, he says, "I don't need to write that down, I can remember that." He then fumes into the kitchen.

After about 20 minutes he returns from the kitchen and hands her a plate of bacon and eggs.

She stares at the plate for a moment and says, "You forgot my toast."



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

Pen Drop Project

Are you familiar with Unity's Pen Drop Project? You're invited to participate in this simple witnessing project. We have several hundred inexpensive pens with a message ("God loves you – and we do too!"), along with the church name, address and phone number. When we go out to eat, we leave a pen along with our tip. (It's not part of the tip – it's a message-bearing gift.) We pray that the person who picks up the pen will be touched by the message. In the long run, we're trusting God, who tells us that His word never returns empty.

So far, we've gone through a thousand pens and have a good start on a second thousand. When those are gone, God willing, we'll get more. You should know that the pens don't come out of your tithes and offerings. The first and second 1000-pen purchases have been covered by special donations, and that's the way we want to continue.

There are two ways you can participate in the Pen Drop Project. First, you can pick up a handful of pens and start dropping them. You don't have to go out to eat – drop a pen wherever it's likely to be picked up by someone. Second, you can help purchase more pens. We can get them for less than 25 cents each in batches of a thousand. If you want to help in this way, let Linda (or Phil) Brashear know. We already have an offer of \$100 toward the third batch.



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, Senior 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
 John & Kim Smoot, Sunday School Director
 Melanie Musick, WMU Director
 Tom Bugbee, TeamKid Director
 Janie Jordan, College & Career Director

ACTIVE DEACONS

Charles Long, Chair

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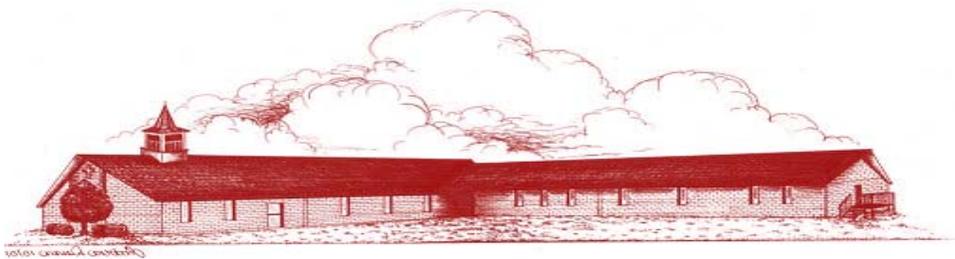
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