

THE CONVERSATION

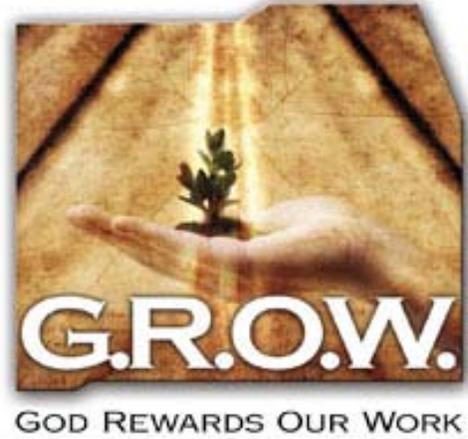
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UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH - RICHMOND, KENTUCKY

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God Rewards Our Work

GROW has begun! 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.



Join Us
Sunday, September 8
10:45 AM

**The Wine Family from Lake Wales Florida will be with us that morning
Sharing a message of God's Love and our Hope that is found in Him.**

Invite a friend to worship with you.

From Our Pastor

Dr. D. L. Brewer

Jesus traveled through all the cities and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And wherever he went, he healed people of every sort of disease and illness. He felt great pity for the crowds that came, because their problems were so great and they didn't know where to go for help. They were like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, "The harvest is so great, but the workers are so few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send out more workers for his fields." [Matthew 9:35-38] NLT

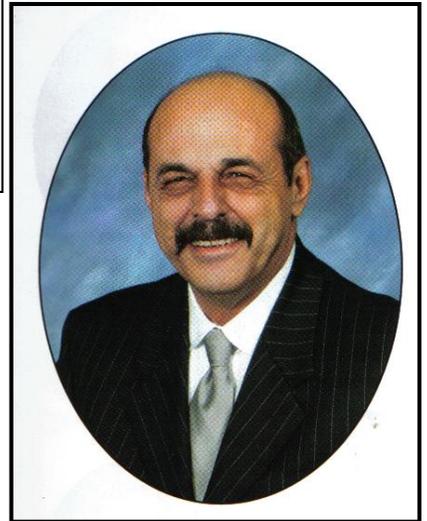
If you are like me, it is so very easy for you to get caught up in yourself and not think about the rest of the world. Day in and day out I pass people and give little or no thought about their souls. Sometimes I tell myself that they're probably not interested and therefore there's no reason for me to bother trying to tell them. Yet that isn't how Christ viewed the crowds of people around Him. Jesus looked upon them and felt pity for them. No doubt He saw their sickness and suffering and often He healed many of them. But most of all He saw their sin. Sin had caused them to be like sheep wandering about without a shepherd. Jesus wanted to be their Shepherd and so He pleaded with His disciples to pray for more workers to be sent out into His fields for the harvest.

Would Christ desire anything less today? Has the world reached the point of where God has given up on them? Apparently not or else Christ would have already called His church home. The reason we are still here is because Christ still has concern for the world.

Often I hear people pray concerning a lost loved one – "Lord, put someone in their path that will talk with them about You." Every time I hear that prayer I have to wonder if perhaps somewhere else, someone else is praying that same prayer for their lost loved one, and I'm the one they are praying for who will tell them about Jesus.

Each week there are teams from our church who visit homes within our community, sharing information about salvation, our church and offering an invitation for them to come and join with us as we worship and grow together in the amazing grace of God.

I hope that you will pray and strongly consider to give one hour each month and become a part of one of these devoted and committed teams who are going as "workers for his fields."



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DEACONS FOR SEPTEMBER



LARRY MORGAN



GLEN RENFRO

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Nicole Howard
- 1 Sheramy Bailey
- 2 Estelle Gabbard
- 4 David Arms
- 5 Khristy Willis
- 5 James Masterson
- 6 Crystal Holbrook
- 6 Tyler Keene
- 7 K. Coye Hammons
- 8 Laura Castorina
- 8 Keaton Hub
- 9 Teresa Buckley
- 9 Kaden Hall
- 10 Sarah Cecil
- 10 Sherri Wilson
- 12 Travis Taulbee
- 13 Drew Wilson
- 16 Charles Long
- 16 Sonny Whitaker
- 17 Thomas Bugbee
- 18 Lisa Morgan Ford
- 18 Connie Melson
- 19 Neal May
- 19 Pat Raper
- 20 Heather McCale Kidd
- 21 Melissa Durbin
- 21 Zack Kelley
- 21 Ann Meadors
- 21 Rodney Whitaker
- 22 Barbara Nichols
- 23 Leroy Storm
- 23 Scarlet Whitaker
- 24 Dawn Damron
- 24 Christopher Lowery
- 25 Miranda Colley
- 25 Austin Padgett
- 26 Karen Cecil
- 26 Becky Bryant
- 27 Mildred Robinson
- 27 Jeff Jones
- 29 John Puckett

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 19 Jim & Beverly Chadwell



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



Well, the UniFires (senior adults) are still at it. At what? Going places and eating, of course! In August, we toured the replica of Fort Boonesborough, a place Phil and Linda had never visited in spite of our years in Madison County. We saw an orientation film, talked to a weaver and a gunsmith, and had a thoroughly enjoyable visit. Our group at the fort numbered twelve, plus three others who had planned to visit with us, but had to come earlier due to another

engagement. On leaving the fort, most of us drove over to Winchester for dinner at the Golden Corral, and four others joined us there. Altogether, nineteen people participated. By the way, some of them were "underage" (less than 65), and that's fine. If you like to be around people of our age, you don't have to be Medicare-eligible – you just have to enjoy being with this older folks. We certainly love having you with us!

On September 14th, we've scheduled a "shopping tour" of Berea. Note that "shopping" may also mean "just looking," and goodness knows there are a lot of neat things to look at in the craft capital of Kentucky. We'll park at the Artisan Center, just off the interstate, and catch the trolley. It will take us to Old Town, where we'll spend about



45 minutes at the Visitor Center and the other fascinating shops and studios in that part of town. Then we'll catch the next circuit of the trolley and ride up to College Corner, where we can visit such shops as Estelle's jewelry, Appalachian Fireside Gallery, the Promenade Shop, and the Log Cabin. After about 45 minutes in that area, we'll catch the next shuttle circuit and ride back to the Artisan Center for more shopping/looking. Finally, we'll all go to an early dinner, probably at the Fireside Grill's Saturday buffet. Won't you come with us?



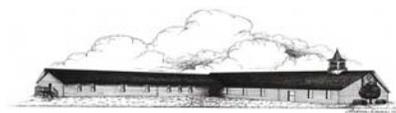
On October 12, we're going to visit Cumberland Falls State Park (in all its fall glory, we hope). We'll view the falls and have a meal at DuPont Lodge. We'll need to reserve a dining room, so we'll need a head count. Watch for a sign-up sheet.

We're also looking forward to a local night out in November and our pot-luck dinner with gift exchange in December. We've been getting suggestions for 2014, and encourage you to submit more suggestions,

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

SERVING THIS MONTH

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



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

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

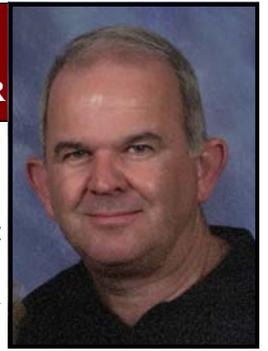
Bill Barker, Vernon Lamb, David Musick
Glen Renfro, David Snyder, Cole Wilson

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



What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. Romans 6:1-4

School has begun, parents are excited, kids are excited not so much, well at least many of them. It's been a wonderful but short summer. Time just seems to go by quicker year by year, month by month. I am really excited about this school year and our new church educational year which starts in September. I am looking forward to consistent attendance as I know that summer is always a hard time with vacations, travel and the like. Lets all make a commitment to Sunday school, worship and Wednesday night attendance.

As the new educational year starts there will be some changes in curriculum and classes in the children and youth departments. Pre-school through fifth grade will all begin "**The Gospel Project**", this program is "A Bible study resource that shows how Christ fits into the entire gospel story, pre-creation to eternity, and where each one of us fits into it, too. The three-year chronological timeline ensures that no matter when you jump in, you won't miss a thing." This will be a great opportunity to enhance our presentation of the truths of the Bible.

The second change is that we are splitting the youth Sunday school class. We will have a 6th-8th grade and a 9th-12th grade class. We will most likely begin together for prayer and then move into smaller groups. The large difference in ages between 6th and 12th grades is significant and this will provide an opportunity to enhance the discussion at age appropriate levels. Sally Arms will be taking the 6th - 8th grade group and I will continue with the older youth.

To close out summer the youth spent a day at Kings Island on Friday, August 9 and then a day of water games and cookout on Sunday afternoon, August 18. The Lord blessed us with wonderful weather on both days for these events. He is so good to us!

I am always proud of how our youth handle themselves on trips! As a youth minister taking youth out of town always provides stresses but I will tell you that our youth have always relieved these stresses for me, they do that by taking care of the little things. I have seen much growth in these young people over the years, and we will have a few seniors this year, it will be very hard to see them leave the youth ministry.

The water wars event was awesome, we went through a record number of balloons, I estimate 1,400 water filled weapons. Charles and Holly were gracious to open their

home for us again this year and we enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of food, fellowship and fun. I had made mention that I may try to stay dry this year but that didn't happen.

This months study during our Sunday morning Bible Study hour will focus on "Right Living and Living the Commands".

Let's face it, we are living in an ungodly world and our youth are challenged today with all kinds of ungodly distractions right in front of their faces multiple times a day, from television to internet, the sins of this world are glaring. Our motivation to live right should be an effort to please our Lord and Savior, He has freed us from sin and we should be grateful for that "gift" and be willing to live for Him, to please Him and to be a witness for Him. The question often arises, how do I live a godly life; we do that by evaluating ourselves, remembering that He has empowered us and given us everything we need. We have what we need to live for Christ, we just need to build on our faith, let our life reflect Christ's light and pursue Christ rather than the world. Hard, sure is but God provides the guidance, strength and will to keep us on track.

We began our G.R.O.W ministry in August and are excited about the possibilities, if you have not gotten involved with it yet, please pray about it and see Andy or Lamont if you have questions.

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

Blessings!

Rev. John



**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**
Make the Connection

COUPLES COMMITTED TO CHRIST

We'd like to introduce you to one of our Sunday School classes: Couples Committed to Christ. We are a bible-based class targeted toward married couples and soon-to-be-married couples. We are currently studying deeply in the book of John and sometimes we have other studies from Max Lucado, Phil Yancey, John Ortberg and other interesting writers. I often like to say that if you're looking for a class that has all of life's answers we're probably not the one, but if you are looking for a group where you can find comfort in knowing others have the same questions join us this Sunday morning. You can find more details on our Facebook page.

Tim Simpson

We Have A Place For You

Parcel's Page

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



A police officer pulled an elderly man over for speeding and had the following exchange:

Officer: May I see your driver's license?

Driver: I don't have one. I had it suspended when I got my fifth DUI.

Officer: May I see the registration for this vehicle?

Driver: It's not my car. I stole it.

Officer: The car is stolen?

Driver: That's right. But, come to think of it, I believe I saw the owner's card in the glove box when I was putting my gun in there.

Officer: There's a gun in the glove box?

Driver: Yes, sir. That's where I put it after I shot and killed the woman who owns this car and stuffed her in the trunk.

Officer: There's a BODY in the TRUNK?!?!?

Driver: Yes, sir.

Hearing this, the officer immediately called his captain.

The car was quickly surrounded by police, and the captain approached the driver:

Captain: Sir, can I see your license?

Driver: Sure. Here it is.

It was valid.

Captain: Who's car is this?

Driver: It's mine, officer. Here's the registration.

Captain: Could you slowly open your glove box so I can see if there's a gun in it?

Driver: Yes, sir, but there's no gun in it.



Sure enough, there was nothing in the glove box.

Captain: Would you mind opening your trunk? I was told there's a body in it.

Driver: No problem.

The trunk was opened; no body.

Captain: I don't understand it. The officer who stopped you said you told him you didn't have a license, stole the car, had a gun in the glove box, and that there was a dead body in the trunk.

Driver: Yeah, and I'll bet the liar told you I was speeding, too.



Pen Drop Project

Phil & Linda Brashear, Directors

God loves you – and we do, too!
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The Pen Drop Project is having a "GROWth" spurt! We're working with the G.R.O.W. outreach program, which takes informational gift bags to homes in the neighborhoods in our area. We've added a Pen Drop Pen (with the message "God loves you – and we do, too!" and church location information) to each gift bag. This gives the recipients something that they can use for various purposes, while reminding them of God's love and the purpose of our church.

We've also received another thousand pens. These have a slightly different appearance. Instead of being maroon and white, the new pens are white and maroon. (Yes, that does make a difference. Instead of having a maroon barrel with white trim, these have a white barrel with maroon trim.) The bowl in the foyer is now stocked with the new version, because we used the rest of the old ones in the gift bags.

But the G.R.O.W. program isn't the only use for our pens. We encourage you to pick up a handful and to drop them anywhere pens might be useful. The original thought was that we would use a pen to clip together the bills making up tips when dining out, but they can be dropped at check-writing stands in grocery stores, banks, bail-bondsmen offices (but we hope you have no reason to visit one of these), or government offices. The most important part of the Pen Drop Project is your prayer for the (unknown) person who picks up the pen. Pray that they will read the message and get a glimpse of God's love.

We won't need more pens for a while, but you might think about contributing to the purchase of the next thousand (about \$225). If that's a little out of reach, think about partnering with one or more others to make up enough to pay for an order. See the pastor or one of the Brashear's if you have any question.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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 Sam Sowder, Associate Pastor
 Mark Williams, Minister of Music
 Rev. John E. Smoot, Minister to Youth & Education
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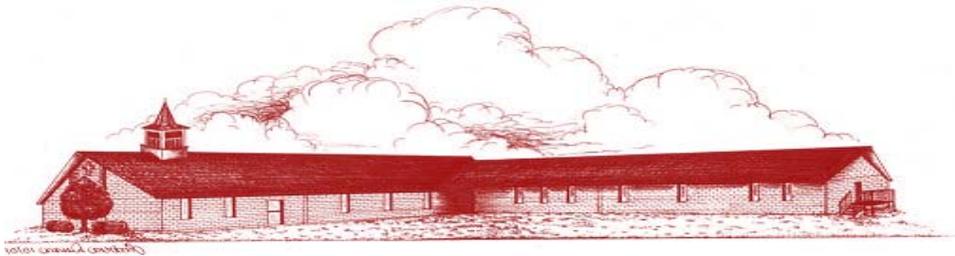


Extended Session

**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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