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 First Baptist Marshville
 First Baptist Monroe
 First Baptist Weddington
 Forest Hills
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 Freedom Biker Church
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 Korean Global Mission
 Lakeview
 Lanes Creek
 Lee Park
 LifePoint
 Love
 Macedonia
 Mary Elizabeth
 Midway
 Mill Creek
 Mountain Springs
 Mt. Harmony
 Mt. Moriah
 Mt. Olive
 Mt. Pleasant
 Mt. Zion
 New Hope
 New Life
 New Life Brazilian
 New Salem
 Oak Grove
 Oakland
 Olive Branch
 Open Church of Charlotte
 Philadelphia
 Pleasant Hill
 Providence
 Real Life Church
 of South Charlotte
 Roanoke
 Sandy Ridge
 Sardis
 Secrest Grove
 Shiloh
 Solid Rock
 South Monroe
 Sutton Park
 Trinity
 Union
 Union Grove
 Waxhaw
 Weddington Community
 West Monroe
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Sunday School in a Transformational Church

**A Conference for
 All Sunday School Leaders**

Saturday, April 2, 2011 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

**Idlewild Baptist Church
 12701 Idlewild Road
 Matthews NC 28105**

**Guest Speaker: Phil Stone,
 BSC Sunday School Director**

Discover how you can lead your group to:

- **Orient around Mission**
- **Be Driven by God's Word**
- **Develop a Multiplication Mindset**
- **Create a Stranger Welcoming Environment**
- **Focus on the Kingdom of God**

**For information contact Phil Stone, State Sunday
 School Director, pstone@ncbaptist.org or
 800-395-5102 ext. 5643.**

To register: www.ncbaptist.org/sundayschool

**UNION BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

Spring Session

Tuesday, April 26, 2011

**Lanes Creek Baptist Church
 118 Marshville Water Plant Road
 Marshville NC 28103**

**Refreshments & Fellowship:
 6 pm**

**Session:
 7 pm**

**All visitors and messengers
are urged to attend.**

Food Roundup

This April, your church can show God's love by collecting food for hundreds of boys and girls!

For more information call
 1-800-476-3669 ext. 1277
 and also visit
www.bchfamily.org/foodroundup



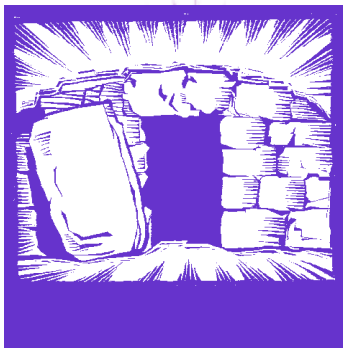
Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

"FOOD ROUNDUP"

for Baptist Children's Homes

Tuesday, April 26-Friday, May 6

**Union Baptist Association
 Missions Resource Center**



EASTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2011

**"He is not here; he has risen, just
 as he said. Come and see the
 place where he lay."**

Matthew 28:6 (NIV)

Dennis' Dialogue:

“Don't Mess With The WMU”



The first words of advice I was given as a young, new student pastor arriving in North Carolina in 1970 was, “Don't Mess With The WMU” ...It was said in jest, but over the years of pastoral and DOM leadership, I have learned the wisdom of that advice. But, let me hasten to say that those words were greatly misunderstood by me. The real words of advice I believe we should be given: “If it isn't broke, don't fix it!” The WMU is celebrating 125 years of unparalleled service to Baptists around the world. No one has come anywhere near their sacrifice, vision and commitment to missions and local church service.

I believe that the missions miracle of Baptists has been made possible by their willingness to be used of God to lead us to become a world leader in global engagement. We all know of their contribution to missions education, the millions of mission dollars made possible by their challenge, and of the power of their prayer life on behalf of missionaries worldwide. Countless souls have been brought to Christ because of their work.

There are, however, other aspects of their leadership and contribution to Baptist life that go largely unrecognized. We owe them a huge debt of appreciation for:

- The evangelism of our children through children's and teen programs for decades
- Setting the example of Christian Life that has been modeled for our youth
- Mentoring girls and women and helping them develop into effective leaders for the Kingdom
- Helping, especially, our young girls, teens and women hear the call of the Lord to service
- Wonderful support of pastors and church staff
- Community/social ministries such as Christian Women's Job Corps that has touch thousands
- Going on mission themselves
- Engaging in disaster relief efforts
- Providing leadership in congregations when there were few others to step up
- Standing firm in challenging Baptists to stay focused on reaching our world, even when it wasn't convenient or popular to do so

These are difficult days financially for virtually every aspect of Baptist life, but we continue to stress our Mission opportunities and to find needed funding. I believe it is equally appropriate to find the needed funding to support the mission and ministry of the WMU. They are essential to our efforts to reach a lost nation and world for Christ. Let's not ignore our own. If not for them, we would not be who we are in the Kingdom. Pray for and support their efforts. Take time to recognize their presence among our congregations.

God Bless the WMU.

Dennis

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Dennis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

MONTHLY CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2011

CHURCH	FEBRUARY	Year-to-Date
Antioch	166.66	333.32
Austin Grove	354.16	708.32
Benton Heights	0.00	0.00
Benton's Cross Roads	532.50	532.50
Bethel	0.00	0.00
Calvary	0.00	1,574.00
Centerview	458.06	735.62
Central	100.00	100.00
Christ	0.00	0.00
Corinth	0.00	0.00
Covenant	0.00	0.00
Ebenezer	603.26	603.26
<i>El Buen Pastor</i>	108.00	108.00
Elizabeth Missionary	200.00	300.00
Emmanuel	77.18	141.38
Euto	978.89	978.89
Fairfield	125.00	125.00
Faith	0.00	0.00
Faulks	0.00	524.70
Fellowship	0.00	0.00
Forest Hills	0.00	0.00
Foundation	44.26	91.16
Friendly	0.00	0.00
Hamilton Cross Roads	0.00	0.00
Hartis Grove	0.00	62.50
Hermon	849.29	1,484.27
Hillcrest	375.00	750.00
Hopewell	0.00	1,750.00
Howie	0.00	0.00
Indian Trail First	450.00	900.00
King Memorial	0.00	0.00
Korean Baptist/Charlotte	150.00	300.00
Korean Global Msn. Ch.	100.00	200.00
Lakeview	0.00	0.00
Lanes Creek	50.00	100.00
Lee Park	0.00	0.00
LifePoint	87.00	187.00
Love	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	395.21	395.21
Marshville-First	0.00	0.00
Mary Elizabeth	658.40	658.40
Midway	0.00	0.00
Mill Creek	1,865.00	1,865.00
Monroe-First	416.67	833.34
Mount Harmony	416.67	833.34
Mountain Springs	0.00	0.00
Mt. Moriah	238.13	337.82
Mt. Olive	0.00	0.00
Mt. Pleasant	1,384.38	2,072.18
Mt. Zion	0.00	991.00
New Hope	0.00	1,414.12
New Life	0.00	0.00
New Salem	0.00	250.00
Oak Grove	0.00	310.63
Oakland	250.00	250.00
Olive Branch	250.00	750.00

CHURCH	FEBRUARY	Year-to-Date
Philadelphia	848.30	1,335.41
Pleasant Hill	208.34	416.68
Providence	0.00	0.00
Roanoke	0.00	0.00
Sandy Ridge	422.05	691.52
Sardis	1,073.66	2,170.21
Secrest Grove	0.00	0.00
Shiloh	0.00	1,250.00
Solid Rock	50.00	100.00
South Monroe formerly Sunset Pk	0.00	0.00
Sutton Park	0.00	149.00
Trinity	0.00	500.00
Union	0.00	0.00
Union Grove	0.00	300.00
Waxhaw	610.00	610.00
Weddington Community	0.00	0.00
Weddington-First	2,125.33	4,157.24
West Monroe	150.00	325.00
Westend	0.00	0.00
Wingate	283.33	566.66
Missions:		
Asian Indian Fellowship	0.00	0.00
Freedom Biker Church	0.00	143.53
Harvest Ministries	144.18	242.28
Hmong Baptist Church	0.00	0.00
New Life Brazilian Baptist Church	0.00	58.56
Real Life South Charlotte	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$17,598.91	\$36,567.05

A complete financial statement is available upon request.

Account Balances February 28, 2011

Petty Cash	100.00
* Checking Account-BB&T	32,754.02
Checking Account-5th 3rd	<u>8,449.34</u> Msn Resource Ctr.
Total	\$41,303.36

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Bessie S. Bent	Secretary



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- | | | |
|----|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 2 | Rev. Mickey Carnes | Retired |
| 5 | Mrs. Joe (Sissy) Stroud | Centerview |
| 5 | Rev. Neng Hue Yang | Hmong |
| 6 | Mrs. Jimmy (Jane) Tarlton | Retired |
| 12 | Mrs. Mike (Kathy) Whitson | First Indian Trail |
| 15 | Rev. John Wood | Supply |
| 16 | Mrs. George (Ella) Gouge | Retired |
| 17 | Mrs. Eddie (Robin) Price | Calvary |
| 21 | Mrs. Jon (Lois) Grant | Supply |
| 21 | Rev. Leland Stephens | Supply |
| 24 | Rev. Roy Helms | Corinth |
| 29 | Rev. Douglas Rumley | New Salem |

Please pray for the congregations of these churches as they seek God's help in finding new leaders:
Fairfield, First Marshville, First Monroe, Foundation, Oakland, Olive Branch, Union



Include in your prayers the "Churches of the Week" and their leaders listed below:

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|-------------|--------------------------|---|
| April 3-9 | Oak Grove | Rev. Rich Myers |
| April 10-16 | Oakland | Rev. Leland Stephens,
Interim Pastor |
| April 17-23 | Olive Branch | Rev. Brian Medlin,
Interim Pastor |
| April 24-30 | Open Church of Charlotte | Rev. Peter Cha |

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



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|----|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2 | Rev. & Mrs. John Crain | Supply |
| 3 | Rev. & Mrs. Steve Hicks | Christ |
| 8 | Rev. & Mrs. A.E. Madaris | Supply |
| 14 | Rev. & Mrs. Kenny Pittman | Roanoke |
| 15 | Rev. & Mrs. Ollis Revels | Supply |
| 19 | Rev. & Mrs. Mike Mullis | King Memorial |
| 21 | Rev. & Mrs. Donny Royster | Waxhaw |
| 24 | Rev. & Mrs. Jeff Smith | Hamilton Cross Roads |
| 24 | Rev. & Mrs. Jeff Whitecotton | Secret Grove |
| 30 | Rev. & Mrs. John Miller | Pleasant Hill |

God just keeps opening doors and we just have to praise Him!

CWJC Plant and Bake Sale will be held Friday, April 29, 9-1 and Saturday, April 30, 8-12. There will be a number of beautiful plants for sale. You don't want to miss this, and too, the proceeds help support CWJC with their ministry. We will need baked goods such as cakes, brownies, and pies. You can bring your baked goods to the UBA office on Thursday between 8:30 am-5:00 pm; on Friday, please bring before noon.

There is a dire need for mentors. Will you please pray and ask God if this is where He wants to use you? If you feel led to do this, call the UBA office and ask for Phyllis Slaymon.

The Baptist Children's Home Food Drive is scheduled for April 26-May 6 at the UBA. We will need help packing boxes. If you can help with this, please call Jean or Bessie at 704-283-8383.

The Associational WMU Fun Day is May 21, 2-4 pm at Maurice Street Apartments. We will need volunteers to help with Bible study, crafts, recreation, face painting, balloon animals and serving refreshments. If you can help, call me at 704-624-5233.

Thanks to all who took part at our Annual Meeting. Thanks to the Nominating Committee for all they do. Thanks to all for keeping missions going in our Association!

In His Love,
 Pat Haigler, UBA WMU Director



We would like to extend a special **thank you** to our volunteers that helped with the preparation and mailing of the *UBA March Messenger*:

Judy Baker, Eloise Ellis and Doris & Ed Simpson from

West Monroe Baptist Church. If your group is interested in helping, please call the UBA office at 704.283.8383. Thank you for giving your time and making the day so enjoyable.



CHURCH NEWS

Ebenezer: Inaugural Car, Truck, and Tractor Show for Missions and BBQ, Sat., May 21. The show is open to all makes and models. All proceeds will go towards church missions (both local and our Honduras Trip this summer.) Registration will be 8 am-11:30 am. Awards announced at 3 pm. For more info, call Marlene Keziah, 704-622-4507. BBQ to begin at 11 am. Come out and enjoy the Car Show and BBQ. Additional concessions will be available at the Car Show. Ebenezer is located at 1417 Unionville-Indian Trail Road West, Indian Trail, NC.

Euto: "Women of Beauty and Excellence" Women's Conference, Sat., June 4, 2011, 9am-3pm. Registration at 8:30 am. Join us for a day of praise and worship, comedy and sharing. Lunch will be provided. Event is free and open to women and girls, ages 13 and older. Donations will be accepted for Euto's Mission team serving in Swaziland, Africa this August, 2011. Speakers: Vicki Brooks and Gloria Bullock with Praise and Worship by Joy Smith, and Comedy by Tammy Thomas. **For more information or to register, please contact: Vicki Brooks (704-242-1316) or Lisa Warren (704-776-5590/ warrensinafrica@gmail.com) *On-line registration forms may be found at www.eutobaptist.com, and should be returned by May 6, 2011.**



First of all, let me just say "Praise the Lord!" We have been blessed beyond measure with so many of our sister churches, WMU groups and individuals seeking to serve the Lord through the Swaziland Doll Ministry. There have

been countless emails, phone calls, donations and commitments from those wanting to share their talents for Christ to reach these precious orphans in Swaziland. What a labor of love! We will now have the privilege of spreading this love and dolls not just in one village, but many, many more! This small country of Swaziland has the highest percentage of HIV/Aids in the World, and due to this fact, there are thousands of orphans. God is granting such an amazing increase with this project that our plans are to keep collecting dolls past the original deadline of July 31st, and collect throughout the rest of the year. Euto Baptist Church will be sending a mission team this August 8-18th, and will use these dolls in ministry in Tshaneni, Swaziland. Additional dolls will be sent to your IMB missionaries, Wayne and Barbara Myers, who live and serve in Swaziland.

If you are interested in learning more about this project, please contact Lisa Warren, 704-776-5590, or by email, warrensinafrica@gmail.com. Thank you for partnering with us to help share the love of Jesus Christ and reach these precious children! We can't wait to see how the Lord is going to use each and every doll for His glory!!!!

(Pattern available at the UBA office)

Lisa Warren

(Church News Cont.)

First Monroe: If you enjoy sewing and would like to make a simple dress for a little girl in Haiti, please consider this opportunity. The pattern can be obtained online at nancysnotions.com. At the search area, type in 'Little Dresses for Africa'. Click on '3 little dresses for Africa', and click on the 'download free project instructions'. The pattern is also available at the UBA Missions Resource Center. Materials required include 5/8-11/8 yards cotton fabric, double fold bias tape, elastic and thread. Also needed are children's size flip flops. Many of the children in Haiti have no shoes and little clothing. The dresses and flip flops will be sent with the mission team leaving for Haiti on Sept. 11. The dresses and flip flops can be brought to the UBA. If you have questions, Mrs. Glenda Poindexter from First Monroe is willing to provide answers at 704-684-5146.

Hartis Grove: Any church in our Association that lacks volunteers or resources to host a 2011 Vacation Bible School, please **DO NOT** let this keep you from reaching children in our community this year! We are preparing teams to minister to our community all summer long. We are happy to provide volunteers and materials to any church in the association that would welcome our assistance. If you are interested, please contact Ashley Warlick, 704-254-1464 or awarlick@gardner-webb.edu.

New Hope: We will sponsor a benefit breakfast for Mr. Paul Welch on Sat., April 2 from 6-10 am at Euto Baptist Church. Mr. Welch is a Vietnam War Veteran suffering from a brain tumor. While serving his country, Mr. Welch was exposed to the chemical 'agent orange'. Fifteen of his fellow servicemen have already died from brain tumors. A donation of \$7 or more will be greatly appreciated. We welcome any who would like to attend this breakfast benefit.



BIG APPLE ADVENTURE
"Where Faith and Life Connect"

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011

"So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message of Jesus Christ."
Romans 10:17(HCSB)

WHAT: ASSOCIATIONAL VBS CLINIC

WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2011, 9-11 AM

WHERE: UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

MISSIONS RESOURCE CENTER

1744 Williams Road, Monroe NC

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: ALL VBS WORKERS

FOR MORE INFO: SONYA GADDY, 704-283-5438

UBA VBS Team

VBS Director: Sonya Gaddy (Antioch)
Evangelism: Tony Medlin (Euto)
Music: Megan & Anna Spurlock,
Katie Nicholson, Amber Privette
Kelsey Drake (Antioch)
Refreshments: Becky Byrum (Trinity)
Crafts: Cathy Kiker (Antioch)
Literature: Kelly Hamilton (Lakeview)



UBA CALENDAR EVENTS

APRIL

2 Sunday School in a Transformational Church Conference
Idlewild Baptist 9 am-12:30 pm

Guest Speaker: **Phil Stone**,
BSC Sunday School Director
Cooperative Program Sunday

10
22 & 25

UBA CLOSED FOR EASTER

24 EASTER

26 UBA Spring Session-Lanes Creek Baptist

26-May 6

Collection week for Baptist Children's
Home Food Round-Up at UBA MRC

MAY

- 1 Mary Blair Scholarship Applications Due
- 5 **National Day of Prayer**
(See announcement at right for local service.)
- 8 **MOTHERS DAY**
- 14 **UBA VBS Clinic 9-11 am UBA MRC**
- 16 UBA Council Mtg. 7 pm UBA MRC
- 21 WMU Fun Day at Maurice St. Apts. 2 pm
- 21 Armed Forces Day
- 30 **MEMORIAL DAY-UBA CLOSED**

JUNE

- 11 WMU Regional Training UBA MRC

STATE CONFERENCES

Contact the Baptist State Convention of
North Carolina at 1-800-395-5102.

SPRING FLING Youth Retreat "GOING DEEP"

April 8-10, 2011 Fort Caswell

For more information or to register, contact
Tom Beam, ext. 5626 or Rick Trexler, ext. 5560

2011 WMU Missions Extravaganza

April 8-10, 2011

**Celebrating WMU NC's 125th Anniversary
"UNHINDERED"**

To register & view schedule, go to:

[www.wmunc.org/Events/MissionsExtravaganza/
tabid/5893/language/en-US/Default.aspx](http://www.wmunc.org/Events/MissionsExtravaganza/tabid/5893/language/en-US/Default.aspx)

MissionsCAROLINA

May 27-June 2, 2011 Avery County, NC

For more information or to register visit
www.wmunc.org.events/missionsCAROLINA or
contact Linda Kreiter at fastdogs2@nc.rr.com or 919-
932-5319.

(State Conferences Cont.)

**2011 NC Bivocational Ministries Conference
July 8-9, 2011 Caraway Conference Center**

"Conflict Resolution:

Strong Anchors for Stormy Times"

Cost: \$50 per person

Registration deadline: Monday, June 27, 2011

Register online: www.ncbaptist.org. Click on

"Bivocational Ministries" then click on "NC

Bivocational Ministries Conference Registration"



**The Union Baptist Association will
host a Prayer Service on
National Day of Prayer, Thursday,
May 5. This is an ecumenical event.
We will meet at the Old Courthouse
in Monroe, West side, Main Street,
at 12:10 pm. The Prayer Service
will end at 12:25 pm. Main Street will be blocked off.**

N. C. CAMPERS ON MISSION SPRING RALLY

The N. C. Campers on Mission (NCCOM) State Spring
Rally will be held April 14-17 at Denton Farm Park in
Denton. Pre-rally activities are planned for Thursday with
the rally officially beginning Friday and ending after Sun-
day worship.

Campers on Mission (COM) is a fellowship of Christian
campers who come together for worship, food, fun,
fellowship, sharing mission experiences and promoting
mission projects.

For registration information call Ed Parks at (252) 977-
9737 or Pete Butler at (252) 972-7828. To learn more
about NCCOM visit www.nccampersonmission.org.

Mary Blair Scholarship applications have been mailed
to Pastors and WMU leaders for the 2011-2012
academic year. Applications are due by **May 1, 2011**.
WMU presents one \$500 scholarship yearly which is
funded by annual WMU dues. Thanks for supporting
our Scholarship Fund.

COOPERATIVE SUNDAY

April 10, 2011



North Carolina Baptists
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BI-VOCATIONAL MINISTRIES COORDINATOR

Rev. Tony Medlin

Consider this....

What thoughts do you have when VBS is mentioned? Teaching children, pledges, mission stories, crafts and snacks may be some of the thoughts that go through your mind especially if you have ever worked in VBS. Also you may have images of hurrying home from work, eating a quick sandwich and rushing to church to work in VBS for five straight days and hoping Friday will get come quickly. It can be a marathon week that can be physically, mentally and emotionally taxing.

Why would church members give up a week to do VBS? There are various reasons why people are willing to give up a week of their time for two and half hours a night. Whatever the reason, I thank all those who are willing to do this.

VBS has historically proven to be a most productive week. It can be equal to fifteen Sundays of Sunday School. VBS is the number one method of evangelism among Protestant churches. Over 25% of converts in SBC churches occur because of the efforts of VBS. VBS is one of the main, if not the main avenue where people come to Jesus. **VBS is Evangelism.**

Now is the time to get ready! I talked to one VBS director and they have all their teachers and workers enrolled. **Sonya Gaddy** is our associational VBS Director. She has planned a training session on Saturday May 14, 9-11a.m. The theme this year is **'The Big Apple Adventure'** centered on New York City. I will be doing an emphasis on evangelism.

Last year on the Congregation Profile, 7,925 people were enrolled in 51 of our churches during VBS week. There is another VBS report that shows the details of VBS recorded in the Book of Reports. We only had 12 churches that submitted this report. Of the 12 churches that reported, 2,162 people enrolled and 76 made faith decisions. We can only assume that of the 39 churches who did not return a VBS report, there were zero decisions. I hope the VBS directors will consider turning in a report this year. I pray God will bless your VBS and touch the hearts of young people to follow Jesus.

Clyde's Commentary

Rev. Clyde R. Hawkins, Associate Director of Missions



Jesus was crucified on Friday. They placed his cold lifeless body in a borrowed tomb. A Roman seal was placed on that tomb. Soldiers guarded the grave. They wanted to make sure no one disturbed that grave. But on Sunday Morning, our Lord arose from the dead and came out of that tomb alive. It wasn't some kind of fraud: it was a miracle of miracles. "Up from the grave He arose with a mighty triumph over His foes. He arose, a victor from the dark domain, and He lives forever with His saints to reign. He arose, Hallelujah, Christ arose.

Two thousand years separate us from that first Easter Sunday Morning. We have never looked on the face of our risen Lord with these physical eyes. There are times we may think we are hopeless. At times, we seem to have lost the battle. Sometimes we want to wallow in despair. But listen, God is still on the throne. Jesus is not in that tomb. He is not dead. He is alive today, and He will be alive forever! The victory has been won! The victory has been won! Because He lives, death does not have the final word. Sin does not have the last say.

Easter Sunday was a day that changed everything. Because He lives, death is defeated, and one day all of those who die in Jesus will rise to meet Him in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

It has rightly been said, "Easter morning is not a mere declaration that we are immortal, but a declaration that we are the immortal children of God. Paul says, "Our citizenship is in Heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able to subdue all things unto himself."

*"God sent His son, they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon.
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives"*

*In Jesus,
Clyde*



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

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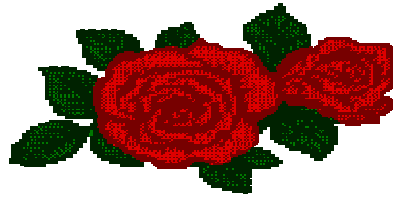
Thursday, May 5, 2011

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."
Psalm 91:2 (NIV)



Armed Forces Day

May 21, 2011



*Mother's Day
SUNDAY,
MAY 8, 2011*

Happy Mother's Day

UBA VBS CLINIC



Saturday, May 14, 2011

9-11 am

Union Baptist Association
Missions Resource Center



Memorial Day

**Memorial Day
Monday,
May 30, 2011**

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ATTENTION: ALL UBA YOUTH

The CYC (Committed Young Christians) at Porter Ridge High School, in conjunction with the UBA Youth Committee, will be hosting “**THE EVENT**” on Wednesday night, May 4, 2011. “**THE EVENT**” will be held at Porter Ridge High School. Times are as follows: Pizza and sodas in the front courtyard at 6:30 pm, doors open at 6:45 pm and “**THE EVENT**” is scheduled 7-8:30 pm in the auditorium. Our goal is to reach middle and high school students with the gospel message of Jesus Christ and worship together. Worship will be led by the 4twelve band and the message will be given by Nathan Smith (learn more at www.nathansmith.org.)

The night will begin outside at Porter Ridge High School with pizza and drinks served out of trucks! (6:30 pm) One truck bed will have pizzas; the other truck bed will be stocked with ice and drinks. We will then transition into the auditorium for an amazing night of worship. Please join us Wednesday, May 4 as we reach students with the Gospel and glorify our great God!

“Should I be involved as a Mentor?”

Hello,

Would you stop with me for a moment to consider a need in our Union County area? Christian Women’s Job Corps and Dorcas Ministries, Inc. are looking for two different types of mentors.

Christian Women’s Job Corps needs women who will give at least two hours a week to meet with young women in need of learning about the Lord Jesus Christ and life skills dealing with their young families, the day-to-day stress and where to find resources. For more information, please call Ms. Phyllis Slaymon at the UBA Office. Phone number is 704-283-8383.

Another **urgent need** within Union County: Many organizations need mentors to help disadvantaged youth succeed in life. As of May 5th, I will have had the privilege of working with this type of youth for 45 years. Please consider joining this worthwhile effort within our community-focused groups to allow us to help someone who needs you.

Providing help to young offenders and disadvantaged children will help our community succeed where others have failed. These youth need a chance. Many realize they have made mistakes/transgressions, and their need to improve vocational skills, academic skills, and personal skills...the list is very long. When you devote personal time into a troubled youth, he/she will receive help to improve their lives and, the rate of recidivism is reduced. Their self esteem increases, and they receive hope.

Please be reminded of the words of Jesus in Matthew 19:14, *“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”*

Last week, the Lord sent three little people to our Eagles’ Nest...a three year old, a six year old, and a nine year old, which made the 87th child entrusted to Eagles’ Nest. I had been thinking the Lord was trying to slow me down at age 65! Will you help by giving one or two hours a week to help Union County disadvantaged children from ages 8-15? This ministry is a partnership effort between Dorcas Ministries, Inc., the Police Athletic League of Monroe, Moving Forward (Monroe Full Gospel Church), and Juvenile Justice of Union County. The time of volunteer service would be in a safe environment.

For more information about this challenge to ministry, please call Suzy Rogers with Dorcas Ministries, Inc., at 704-242-1215.

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For information on any of these mission trips please call the Union Baptist Association Office at (704) 283-8383. For updated information see our mission web site at www.ubatrips.com.

Mission Opportunity—Haiti, Filled. This trip is already overbooked, but we are still taking standby applications. There is a possibility that some of the people who were planning to go will not be able to go, but if you are interested don't give up please call. The price is **\$1,000** which is all inclusive.

UBA Mission trips to Haiti as we know them will cease after October of this year. The mission house will become unavailable. We have reserved the week of **September 11 through September 17** for UBA's last trip to Haiti. This will be a **construction team** and we will be assembling the Samaritan's Purse homes, meaning that our construction will be light carpentry. There will be a medical team there at the same time and I may be able to help you get on the medical team if that is your interest.

Mission Opportunity—Guatemala—Participants Needed. An opportunity to make a difference. Hearts for Heaven Ministries feeds over 500 hungry children every week. We have the opportunity to help by sharing Christ with these kids and/or doing maintenance work on the facilities. The price of approximately \$1,300 (depending on Air fare) includes all expenses. Many children have come to Christ because of two previous trips. The scenery is beautiful (volcanoes and Antigua, the old capital) and the mission house is comfortable.

Looking Ahead—Japan 2012. It may be next year by the time we will be able to go to Japan. Search and Rescue as well as parts of the infrastructure must be completed. Then arrangements for accommodations must be made. In the meantime arrangements must be made for financing this trip. Churches and individuals can make it possible for a team to go through tax deductible contributions to Union Baptist Association Japan Fund. Please pray for Japan and about your participation in our role in Japanese relief. Price and exact dates are yet to be determined. If you would like more information as it becomes available please call Bessie at 704-283-8383.

Looking Ahead—Peru 2012. All details are not yet available. This will be a two week trip to Peru in which we will be building a mission house with masonry construction. Participants will have the option of going for either of the two weeks or (preferably) both. Price and exact dates are yet to be determined. If you would like more information as it becomes available please call Bessie at 704-283-8383.

Looking Ahead—Operation InAsMuch 2012. Please put April 28 and March 5, 2012 on your calendar for Operation InAsMuch. On either or both of those dates Churches all over the state will be doing mission assistance projects in their own communities. It is desired that each church will have an OIAM coordinator for church-wide coordination of projects.

The last words Jesus spoke on Earth were known as The Great Commission. As we boldly step forward and share God's love with a lost world he will bless our efforts, bring the lost to himself, enrich our lives, and grow our churches.

Henry Funderburk, Mission Trip Coordinator

BASCAR COMPETITION



Saturday, June 25, 2011
10:30 am-1:30 pm
LUNCH PROVIDED!!



This event will be held at
Shiloh Baptist Church
2301 Rocky River Road North
Monroe NC 28110

You don't want to miss our **1st Disaster Recovery Volunteer Competition!** Maximum of 4 Team members will work together to accomplish a series of tasks: for example: Gas up & crank a chainsaw, cut a log, fire up a generator, fire a nail gun, drill a hole, etc. **Questions? Call David Seymour @ 704-221-4281. To enter your group into the competition, call Bessie at the UBA by **June 15.****