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 Open Church of Charlotte
 Philadelphia
 Pleasant Hill
 Providence
 Real Life Church
 South Charlotte
 Roanoke
 Sandy Ridge
 Sardis
 Secrest Grove
 Shiloh
 Solid Rock
 South Monroe
 Sutton Park
 Trinity
 Union
 Union Grove
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Dear Lord,

There is no greater feeling of liberation than to experience this freedom from sin and death that you have provided for me through Jesus Christ. Today my heart and my soul are free to praise you. For this I am very thankful.

On this Independence Day I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that my freedom was purchased with a very high price. My freedom cost others their lives.

Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty, meet their needs and watch over their families.

Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into freedom that can be found in knowing Christ.

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UBA OFFICE CLOSED
FRIDAY, JULY 1 & MONDAY, JULY 4
for
INDEPENDENCE DAY



UBA SUMMER SESSION

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2011
Christ Baptist Church
2018 Hwy. 218
Indian Trail NC 28079

Fellowship & Refreshments: 6:00 pm
Session: 7:00 pm

All messengers and visitors are urged to attend.



Dennis' Dialogue:



America the Beautiful
Words by Katharine Lee Bates,
Melody by Samuel Ward

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare of freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife.
Who more than self their country loved
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

Dennis

MONTHLY CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT FOR MAY 2011

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Antioch	166.66	833.30	Philadelphia	648.92	3,368.58
Austin Grove	354.16	1,770.80	Pleasant Hill	1,208.34	2,041.70
Benton Heights	1,400.00	1,400.00	Providence	0.00	0.00
Benton's Cross Roads	532.50	2,130.00	Roanoke	0.00	0.00
Bethel	0.00	783.75	Sandy Ridge	605.31	1,660.12
Calvary	1,704.64	3,278.64	Sardis	844.52	5,113.11
Centerview	601.18	2,021.20	Secrest Grove	0.00	0.00
Central	50.00	200.00	Shiloh	1,250.00	5,000.00
Christ	0.00	100.00	Solid Rock	50.00	250.00
Corinth	0.00	0.00	South Monroe formerly Sunset Pk	0.00	0.00
Covenant	0.00	0.00	Sutton Park	0.00	363.11
Ebenezer	0.00	1,796.98	Trinity	0.00	1,000.00
<i>El Buen Pastor</i>	0.00	216.00	Union	0.00	500.00
Elizabeth Missionary	100.00	500.00	Union Grove	0.00	600.00
Emmanuel	68.95	325.79	Waxhaw	0.00	610.00
Euto	0.00	4,882.22	Weddington Community	0.00	0.00
Fairfield	0.00	125.00	Weddington-First	1,861.93	11,445.73
Faith	0.00	0.00	West Monroe	150.00	810.00
Faulks	0.00	1,058.80	Westend	0.00	0.00
Fellowship	0.00	0.00	Wingate	283.33	1,416.65
Forest Hills	0.00	0.00			
Foundation	42.07	212.49			
Friendly	0.00	200.00	Missions:		
Hamilton Cross Roads	0.00	500.00	Asian Indian Fellowship	0.00	0.00
Hartis Grove	0.00	250.00	Freedom Biker Church	0.00	143.53
Hermon	0.00	3,476.50	Harvest Ministries	194.37	551.28
Hillcrest	375.00	1,875.00	Hmong Baptist Church	0.00	0.00
Hopewell	0.00	3,500.00	New Life Brazilian Baptist Church	0.00	126.56
Howie	0.00	0.00	Real Life South Charlotte	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Indian Trail First	450.00	2,250.00	TOTAL	\$16,270.34	\$100,161.04
King Memorial	0.00	0.00			
Korean Baptist/Charlotte	150.00	750.00			
Korean Global Msn. Ch.	100.00	500.00			
Lakeview	0.00	0.00			
Lanes Creek	50.00	250.00			
Lee Park	0.00	1,500.00			
LifePoint	0.00	449.00			
Love	0.00	0.00			
Macedonia	0.00	1,155.14			
Marshville-First	0.00	0.00			
Mary Elizabeth	674.87	1,881.94			
Midway	0.00	0.00			
Mill Creek	0.00	1,865.00			
Monroe-First	416.67	2,083.35			
Mount Harmony	416.67	2,083.35			
Mountain Springs	0.00	3,900.00			
Mt. Moriah	169.10	849.97			
Mt. Olive	0.00	1,000.00			
Mt. Pleasant	1,101.15	5,253.25			
Mt. Zion	0.00	1,566.00			
New Hope	0.00	2,950.81			
New Life	0.00	0.00			
New Salem	0.00	250.00			
Oak Grove	0.00	1,436.39			
Oakland	250.00	500.00			
Olive Branch	0.00	1,250.00			

A complete financial statement is available upon request.

Account Balances May 31, 2011

Petty Cash	100.00	
* Checking Account-BB&T	36,439.77	
Checking Account-5th 3rd	<u>2,513.78</u>	Msn Resource Ctr.
Total	\$39,053.55	

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(Open Church of Charlotte - see Korean Baptist of Charlotte)



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Rev. Mike Whitson
First Indian Trail
- 6 Mrs. Eddie (Kelly) Powers
Sandy Ridge
- 8 Rev. Frank Barwig, Jr.
Emmanuel
Interim
- 9 Rev. Rick Jordan
Real Life Church
of South Charlotte
- 10 Rev. Leon Whitley
Austin Grove
- 10 Mrs. Roger (Sylvia) Nance
Solid Rock
- 12 Rev. Tim Rogers
Ebenezer
- 12 Rev. Clyde Hawkins
Associate
Director of
Missions
- 13 Rev. Roger Nance
Solid Rock
- 14 Rev. Marty Quick
Mt. Olive
- 15 Mrs. Jeff (Cindy) Whitecotton
Secrest
Grove
- 16 Rev. Rich Myers
Oak Grove
- 20 Rev. Carlos Tellez
El Buen Pastor
- 20 Rev. Jack Little
Harvest
Ministries
- 21 Rev. Gene Penegar
Providence
- 22 Dr. Lee Pigg
Hopewell
- 22 Rev. Ricky Godwin
New Life
- 23 Mrs. Buddy (Candy) Pigg
Mt. Harmony
- 24 Rev. Curtis Laney
Mary Elizabeth
- 26 Rev. Tommy Butler
New Hope
- 28 Dr. Derrill Smith
Wingate
- 31 Mrs. Carlos (Amy) Tellez
El Buen Pastor

JULY ANNIVERSARIES



- 11 Rev. & Mrs. Clyde Hawkins
Associate Director of
Missions
- 23 Dr. & Mrs. Steve Jirgal
Lakeview



We would like to extend a special **thank you** to our volunteers that helped with the preparation and mailing of the *UBA June Messenger*: **Carolyn Eubanks, Linda Helms and Frances Stegall from Roanoke Baptist Church. Barbara Price from Lakeview Baptist Church** also helped. 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.

Please pray for the congregations of these churches as they seek God's help in finding new leaders:

Fairfield, Faith, First Marshville, First Monroe, Foundation, Oakland, Olive Branch, Sutton Park, Waxhaw



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

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|----------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| July 3-9 | Solid Rock | Rev. Roger Nance |
| July 10-16 | South Monroe | Mr. Victor Sorrentino |
| July 17-23 | Sutton Park | Dr. Ralph Holt, Interim |
| July 24-30 | Trinity | Rev. Ted Wright |
| July 31-Aug. 6 | Union | Rev. Tim Madaris |



Merry Christmas in August

This year the GA's, Mission Friends, and Acteens are teaming up and collecting items for the Appalachian Regional Ministry. We will be working with Jim & Doris Keller. They serve where there is great physical and spiritual poverty. They are in need of the following: Book bags, School supplies, (notebooks, paper, spiral notebooks, pencils, colored pencils, etc.), Wal-Mart gift cards (to be used for clothing and restock the school items.)

The items raised will be used where there is extreme poverty and physical needs. School supplies will be provided. Meeting these needs provides a platform for presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Giving to this cause will allow those that may not be able to "go and tell" (as the Bible tells us in Matthew 28:18-20) to send others to tell about the saving grace of Jesus.

We want to encourage each church to have a big "Christmas in August" celebration. Take time to enjoy Christmas goodies, fellowship, and focus on praying for the missionaries who are in the mission field and for the people who will receive the items that you have collected. We would like to have the items delivered to the Associational Building on August 12th. If you are having your celebration after that, please let us know so we can make arrangements. If you have any questions please contact Crystal Rowell @ 704-624-5509 (home) or email: crystalrowell15@gmail.com.

Thank You!
Crystal Rowell, UBA GA Director



CHURCH NEWS

Bethel: We will celebrate our church's 150th Anniversary and Homecoming on Sunday, August 14 at 10:30 AM. Dr. Dennis Burton, Director of Missions, will be the guest speaker. Lunch will follow in the Fellowship Building.

Everyone is welcome to join in our celebration.

Calvary: "Calvary at the Creek" **YOUTH NIGHT** will be Aug. 12, 6-9 pm. Music by Eddie Price and message by Greg King of Five Stones Church. **FAMILY NIGHT** will be Aug. 13, 6-9 pm. Music by Eddie Price & The Montgomery's. Message from Chris Whitaker. These events will take place at Cane Creek Amphitheatre, 5213 Harkey Road, Waxhaw NC. **FREE ADMISSION**, invite friends, bring chairs, blankets and picnic style dinner. **EVERYONE IS INVITED!!**

Olive Branch: A clinic for training volunteers to fit eye glasses in 3rd world countries will be held on July 16, 9am-4pm at Olive Branch Baptist. This class is being taught by Dr. David Curtis. The Cost is \$75 per person. People who take this class will learn much about eye glasses and will be able to fit glasses for people in third world countries. This is a tremendous benefit to those people who would never be able to see an eye doctor.

2011 United Way's Day of Caring
Saturday, August 27th 7:30AM till noon

Volunteers from our community will gather together to help seniors and disabled citizens of Union County. Typical chores include cutting grass, weeding flowerbeds, pruning shrubs, trash pickup, window washing, cleaning gutters, and light painting.

Outside chores only please.

Residents approved to receive services must provide any materials that will be needed to complete the job and must be at home while volunteers complete the work on Day of Caring.

If you would like to be considered for a project or would like more information, please contact:

OPERATION REACH OUT

DEB STEIN

704-289-4237

WMU NEWS

Special thanks to the WMU Council and to Michelle Snyder and the ladies from Lakeview Baptist Church who were so willing to serve and help make our Fun Day a great success.

I truly saw Christ's love shown as they witnessed one on one with the children using the "Witness Dolls" they made with so much love involved. I truly experienced a "Mission Field" as these children were told about the love of Jesus, and shown how to witness with a "Witness Bracelet" that they made, with the leadership of Crystal Rowell, our GA Director. Lynn Gentry, Acteen Director, taught the children a lesson of sharing with a Bible story about Jesus feeding 5000 people using a little boy's lunch. We even had clowns, and what a highlight for the day! The children loved getting their faces painted, (even the Moms). Thanks to Shirley Davis, Mission Friends Director, for making this possible. It was a good day as we ended with a game of "Drop the Handkerchief" and refreshments.

Our recipients for the Mary Blair Scholarship were: Robert Curtis Stone, from Sardis Baptist Church and Ashley Nicole Tucker from Trinity Baptist Church. We are so proud of our young people. Special thanks to the Scholarship Committee for their time and praying for God's leadership and guidance. Thanks to all the WMU ladies for making this possible.

Our mission project for July is the House of Pearls in Wingate. This ministry helps women rebuild their lives through the love of Jesus. They are given the opportunity to transform their lives from the "irritants society" to a beautiful pearl, the same way a pearl is formed within the oyster. Lives are being changed and families reunited. This ministry is led by Rev. Terry Merritt.

Below is the list of items needed:

- clothes rack to use for yard sales
- feminine products
- paper products
- ant spray- regular and fire ant for the yard
- cards and envelopes for stamping
- pecan picker
- deluxe can crusher
- wheel barrel
- garden tools
- hand trucks
- monetary donations

Thanks in advance for what you do!

Pat Haigler, Associational WMU Director



UBA CALENDAR EVENTS

JULY

1 & 4 UBA CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

- *5 Called Session @ UBA 7 pm**
- 18 UBA Council Mtg. 7 pm**
- 26 UBA Summer Session 6 pm Fellowship
Christ Baptist Church 7 pm Session**

AUGUST

- 15 UBA Council Mtg. 7 pm**
- 25 Region 6 Missions Celebration
Location to be announced**

STATE CONFERENCES

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

**2011 NC Bi-vocational 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

“Bi-vocational Ministries” then click on “NC Bi-vocational Ministries Conference Registration”.

**OASIS Renew for the Journey
Music Conference**

July 19-20, 2011 Campbell University

For more information, visit [http://](http://divinity.campbell.edu/Oasis/Home.aspx)

divinity.campbell.edu/Oasis/Home.aspx or email

Melanie Walk at walkm@campbell.edu.

**Marriage Impact at Ridgecrest
July 22-24, 2011**

Ridgecrest Conference Center

Begins 3 pm Friday, June 22 and concludes 12 pm on Saturday, June 24, 2011.

To register, call 800-588-7222.

For more information, call 800-395-5102 ext. 5644.

Senior by the Sea Retreat II

August 22-26, 2011

NC Baptist Assembly

Fort Caswell

To register, call 910-278-2501.

For more information, call 800-395-5102 ext. 5646.

(State Conferences Continued)

**Region 6 Missions Celebration
Thursday, August 25, 2011
North Albemarle Baptist Church
401 Park Ridge Road
Albemarle NC 28001
704-983-3146**

Supper (no charge) 6 pm, with program to follow, concluding at 8:30 pm. The event will highlight special emphasis made possible by the NC Missions Offering such as Haiti Earthquake Response, National & International Missions, NC Mission Camps, Church Planting in NC along with worship, testimonies, mission video and more. Contact: Kecia Morgan, Ministry Assistant - kmorgan@ncbaptist.org 800.395.5102 Ext 5613 For more information, go to <http://www.baptistsonmission.org/Events/Regional-Rallies>.

**Senior Adult Fall Festival of Fellowship
Caraway Conference Center
October 17-20, 2011**

For more information, contact

rfreeman@caraway.org.



Fruitland Summer Classes start on July 5, 2011.

For more information, visit our web page

<http://www.unionbaptist.com/templates/System/details.asp?id=43689&PID=789422>

or call the UBA, 704-283-8383.

ATTENTION CHURCHES

Please have any information you want included in *The Messenger* to the UBA office no later than the 15th of the month.



We would like to welcome **Rev. Tim Madaris** as pastor at **Union Baptist Church**. Rev. Madaris served as interim and his first day as full-time pastor was June 19, 2011.



BI-VOCATIONAL MINISTRIES COORDINATOR

Rev. Tony Medlin

Consider this...

One thing about life is the constant change. One of the changes in life is the difficulty of health challenges as we grow older. I am sure that you know people who are dealing with severe health issues. I have not had to face this yet, but I'm aware that I am not immune. We can feel some of the pain of those in health crisis, if we are sensitive.

In the spiritual sense, I feel some of the pain of churches who appear to be in the stage of life where health issues are more common. I feel the pain of churches who are struggling to be healthy. Some people have left the stressed church, and the ones left behind are the "belongers". The truth is, they who stay love their church and would not think about leaving. Joy and excitement of worship are absent and replaced with duty and boredom. In general the "belongers" prefer the familiarity to happiness.

People are inclined to leave an unhealthy church. Why do people leave one church and go to another? Just as sick people pursue wellness, church people pursue stability and leadership. Even criticism within a church may be a form of pursuing leaders. I have no blame for the struggling churches or growing churches, only respect and love for all of God's churches.

My prayer for you and your church is,

"Dear Friend, I pray that you may prosper in every way and be in good health physically just as you are spiritually." 3 John vs. 2 (HCSB)

Clyde's Commentary

Rev. Clyde R. Hawkins, Associate Director of Missions



"THANK YOU"

I want to thank you for your prayers and concerns for me during the past few weeks. I did have Cardiac Cauterization and two stints put in my heart. Everything seems to be going according to schedule. I have had a stress test and am considering going to Cardiac Rehabilitation. I should be in good shape in time. Keep praying for us.

FRUITLAND 4th QUARTER BEGINS JULY 5

Registration 6:00 pm.

Classes will be from 6-8 pm on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. This would be a good time to enroll in FBBI. Maybe you would like to become a better Sunday School teacher, or maybe you have retired recently and you would like to be a better Bible student. Fruitland is not just for preachers. The Bible is the textbook and all Christians need to be Bible students. If you have questions, give me a call. I will be glad to talk with you about Fruitland. I am a Fruitland graduate, and I know something about "The Fruitland Experience".

In Him,
Clyde

ATTENTION: VBS DIRECTORS

Please submit your Vacation Bible School reports as soon as possible! Copies go to the Association: Union Baptist Association, PO Box 596, Monroe, NC 28111-0596, to the state convention, NCBSC, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512-1107 and to VBS Report Desk (MSN 177), Lifeway Christian Resources, One LifeWay Plaza, Nashville, TN 37234 or fax to: LifeWay Christian Resources 615.251.3937.

Form is available at the UBA. If needed, please call and request a copy.

ON LINE OPTION: Complete the report and enter your VBS information into the Southern Directory Services (SBDS) via the web site <http://www.lifeway.com/sbds>. To access the VBS part of the site, you will need to use your congregation's VBS User Name & Password.



SENIOR ADULT DAYS

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

or

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

You choose the day. (Same program each day)
(More information to follow in next month's newsletter)

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