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 First Baptist Marshville  
 First Baptist Monroe  
 First Baptist Weddington  
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 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  
 South Charlotte  
 Roanoke  
 Sandy Ridge  
 Sardis  
 Secrest Grove  
 Shiloh  
 Solid Rock  
 South Monroe  
 Sutton Park  
 Trinity  
 Union  
 Union Grove  
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 Weddington Community  
 West Monroe  
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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR  
**NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS**  
 MARCH 6-13, 2011

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**NATIONAL GOAL: \$70 MILLION**  
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**UBA BIBLE DRILL**

**Sunday,**  
**March 20, 2011**

**3:00 PM**

**Union Baptist Association**  
**Missions Resource Center**

**Individual church drills will need to be held at least one-week prior to the Association drill. If your church is participating in the Association Bible Drill Program, please contact the program director, Mrs. Connie Rape at 704-764-9230 by March 14, 2011.**

**REGION 6 NCBM**  
**BASCAR COMPETITION**

**Saturday, March 26, 2011**  
**10:00 am-2:00 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 March 15.**

**WMU ANNUAL MEETING**

**MARCH 28, 2011**

**7:00 PM**

**"Easter Women"**

**Union Baptist Association**  
**Missions Resource Center**

Several of our WMU ladies will take part in this program. Please make plans to attend this meeting.

## Dennis' Dialogue:



### “Prophetic Words”

Recently I was looking through some old notes of mine that I made in 1978. It concerned a comment made by one of my children. (Who were children then.) We had been riding in the car, and a discussion about Baptists had arisen. I told them there are several different kinds of Baptists and was about to enter into a deep discussion that would reflect well on my education, when my daughter made the comment, “We’re Suffern Baptists, aren’t we daddy?” So much for my hard-earned education. She has proven to be a prophet beyond her years.

You know, I had to think about that for a while. To be sure, Baptists have suffered for their freedoms and ardent defense of the local church. But, by in the large, we have suffered very little FOR our faith in the last half century. I will hasten to say that a lot of suffering has gone on within our faith the last twenty years, but it has had little to do with suffering for the cause of Christ.

The church theorists tell us the day of denominational loyalty is over. In the main, I believe they are right. People commit to a cause not a national body. The local church has always been the place where Baptists have made the missional decisions of service and support. May it always be so. Our fore fathers paid a fearful price for that element of our religious heritage. Great tenets of truth, such as, No creed but the Bible, Separation of Church and State, and One man (or woman) one vote, have always been our hallmark.

There is much confusion over what being a Baptist means today. Some of us are “Suffern” Baptists and others have other labels. Perhaps the singular truth we need to remember and affirm is that we are Christians first. We are a people purchased with a price, freed from the consequences of sin, and members of a great body we call the Church. It is easy to join parties or groups; it is even easier to label those groups. It is difficult to live our faith as Christ calls us to.

The only answer I have to the issue of who we are to be, is to point you to who Jesus was and who those first church founders were. Their vision was of a world reunited with a loving God through Jesus Christ. They cared not for acclaim, fortune or power. The only label they bore was the name of the risen Christ. I truly believe the only ground that we can all stand on is the ground at the foot of the cross. The world looks the same from there. Our vision of the mission of Christ is the one place we can rally around with a full and free heart. Let us not waste the time, energy, or resources to otherwise.

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

**MONTHLY CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT FOR JANUARY 2011**

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Antioch	166.66	166.66	Philadelphia	487.11	487.11
Austin Grove	354.16	354.16	Pleasant Hill	208.34	208.34
Benton Heights	0.00	0.00	Providence	0.00	0.00
Benton's Cross Roads	0.00	0.00	Roanoke	0.00	0.00
Bethel	0.00	0.00	Sandy Ridge	269.47	269.47
Calvary	1,574.00	1,574.00	Sardis	1,096.55	1,096.55
Centerview	277.56	277.56	Secrest Grove	0.00	0.00
Central	0.00	0.00	Shiloh	1,250.00	1,250.00
Christ	0.00	0.00	Solid Rock	50.00	50.00
Corinth	0.00	0.00	South Monroe formerly Sunset Pk	0.00	0.00
Covenant	0.00	0.00	Sutton Park	149.00	149.00
Ebenezer	0.00	0.00	Trinity	500.00	500.00
<i>El Buen Pastor</i>	0.00	0.00	Union	0.00	0.00
Elizabeth Missionary	100.00	100.00	Union Grove	300.00	300.00
Emmanuel	64.20	64.20	Waxhaw	0.00	0.00
Euto	0.00	0.00	Weddington Community	0.00	0.00
Fairfield	0.00	0.00	Weddington-First	2,031.91	2,031.91
Faith	0.00	0.00	West Monroe	175.00	175.00
Faulks	524.70	524.70	Westend	0.00	0.00
Fellowship	0.00	0.00	Wingate	283.33	283.33
Forest Hills	0.00	0.00			
Foundation	46.90	46.90			
Friendly	0.00	0.00	<b>Missions:</b>		
Hamilton Cross Roads	0.00	0.00	Asian Indian Fellowship	0.00	0.00
Hartis Grove	62.50	62.50	Freedom Biker Church	143.53	143.53
Hermon	634.98	634.98	Harvest Ministries	98.10	98.10
Hillcrest	375.00	375.00	Hmong Baptist Church	0.00	0.00
Hopewell	1,750.00	1,750.00	New Life Brazilian Baptist Church	58.56	58.56
Howie	0.00	0.00	Real Life South Charlotte	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Indian Trail First	450.00	450.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,968.14</b>	<b>\$18,968.14</b>
King Memorial	0.00	0.00			
Korean Baptist/Charlotte	150.00	150.00			
Korean Global Msn. Ch.	100.00	100.00			
Lakeview	0.00	0.00			
Lanes Creek	50.00	50.00			
Lee Park	0.00	0.00			
LifePoint	100.00	100.00			
Love	0.00	0.00			
Macedonia	0.00	0.00			
Marshville-First	0.00	0.00			
Mary Elizabeth	0.00	0.00			
Midway	0.00	0.00			
Mill Creek	0.00	0.00			
Monroe-First	416.67	416.67			
Mount Harmony	416.67	416.67			
Mountain Springs	0.00	0.00			
Mt. Moriah	99.69	99.69			
Mt. Olive	0.00	0.00			
Mt. Pleasant	687.80	687.80			
Mt. Zion	991.00	991.00			
New Hope	1,414.12	1,414.12			
New Life	0.00	0.00			
New Salem	250.00	250.00			
Oak Grove	310.63	310.63			
Oakland	0.00	0.00			
Olive Branch	500.00	500.00			

A complete financial statement is available upon request

Account Balances January 31, 2011

Petty Cash	100.00	
* Checking Account-BB&T	30,571.94	
Checking Account-5th 3rd	<u>11,018.54</u>	Msn Resource Ctr.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41,690.48</b>	

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**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Mrs. Tommy (Cathy) Threatt  
Mt. Zion
- 3 Mrs. Mickey (Jinx) Carnes  
Retired
- 8 Mrs. Paul (Alva Lee) Simpson  
Retired
- 8 Mrs. Jack (Jan) Little  
Harvest
- 9 Rev. Ollis Revels  
Supply
- 9 Mrs. Stephen (Linda) Hicks  
Christ
- 11 Rev. John Crain  
Supply
- 11 Mrs. Ted (Katherine) Wright  
Trinity
- 11 Mrs. Victor (Loreen) Sorrentino  
South  
Monroe
- 14 Mrs. Douglas (Helen) Rumley  
New  
Salem
- 15 Mrs. George (Pearl) Dehart  
Retired
- 16 Rev. Ronnie Collins  
Lanes  
Creek
- 17 Mrs. Gene (Tootie) Mullis  
Hillcrest
- 18 Rev. Chris Wallace  
Union  
Grove
- 20 Mrs. Charles (Joyce) Broome  
Supply
- 21 Mrs. John (Lisa) Miller  
Pleasant  
Hill
- 22 Rev. Jean Paul Faria  
New Life  
Brazilian
- 23 Rev. Joe Larrimore  
Retired



**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

- 5 Rev. & Mrs. Gene Penegar  
Providence
- 21 Rev. & Mrs. Dale Brooks  
Euto
- 22 Rev. & Mrs. George Dehart  
Retired
- 22 Rev. & Mrs. Ken Lida  
Retired
- 26 Rev. & Mrs. Joe Stroud  
Centerview
- 27 Dr. & Mrs. Eric Cook  
Midway
- 27 Rev. & Mrs. Ted Wright  
Trinity
- 31 Rev. & Mrs. Don Thompson  
Love

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

**Emmanuel, Fairfield, First Marshville, First Monroe, Foundation, Oakland, Olive Branch, Union**



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

March 6-12	New Hope	Rev. Tommy Butler
March 13-19	New Life	Rev. Rick Godwin
March 20-26	New Life Brazilian	Rev. Jean Paul Faria
March 27- April 2	New Salem	Rev. Douglas Rumley

**Week of Prayer for  
North American Missions Missionaries**

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Matthew 9: 36-38 (NIV)

- Chuy & Maria Avila, Laredo, TX - Church Planting
- Doug & Brenda Lee, Borth Platte, NE - Associational Missions
- Paulette & Greg DeHart, Snellville, GA - Literacy Missions
- Tom & Marla Polak, Indianapolis, IN - Ministry Evangelism
- Jacques & Martine Avakian, Quebec, CN - Church Planting
- Howard & Tina Burkhart, Benicia, CA - Church Planting
- Jim & Karen Turnbo, Grants, NM - Associational Missions
- Vickie Stewart, Baltimore, MD - Collegiate Evangelism



**GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY  
MARCH 6, 2011**



**First Day of Spring  
MARCH 20, 2011**



**MARCH 6-12, 2011**



We would like to extend a special **thank you** to our volunteers that helped with the preparation and mailing of the **February UBA Messenger**: **Alice Malcolm, Myrna Moser** and **Buddy & Joyce Waters** from **Lee Park 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

**New Salem:** Annual Chicken & Dumpling Supper, Sat., March 5. 11 am-7 pm. Chicken & Dumplings, Green Beans & Slaw. Hot Dogs & Trimmings for Kids. \$7.00 donation for Adults-Kids 10 & under eat FREE.

**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](mailto:awarlick@gardner-webb.edu).

**Roanoke:** "Mountain Top Mondays in March" Each service starts at 7 pm. March 7, Rev. Tom Tucker, Sisk Memorial Baptist, Music by the Good News Trio; March 14, Dr. Alex McFarland, Faith in Focus Ministries, Music by King's Cause; March 21, Dr. Ron Lynch, Life Out of Death Ministries, Music by Mt. Zion Quartet; March 28, Rev. Marty Dupree, BSC of NC, Music by Birdsong. Like God's Love, Admission is FREE! (Childcare will be provided for 6 years old and younger.) **JOIN US FOR THE CLIMB OF A LIFETIME!!**

### Last Call for Haiti Mission Trips

**UBA Mission trips to Haiti** as we know them will cease after October of this year. The mission house will become unavailable.

Slots in the mission calendar will fill up fast, we have reserved the week of **September 11 through September 17** for UBA's last trip to Haiti. Once we have 10 volunteers our roster will be full. If you are interested in going please call us as soon as possible even though you may have to wait a little while to commit.

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.

The price is **\$1,000** which is all inclusive.

We will stay in a mission house which is very comfortable and eat American food which is cooked by a North Carolina hostess. The team that just got back had no illness and everyone felt safe.

Our likely schedule is to fly on Sunday, and build houses on Monday through Friday at noon. After noon on Friday, we will go to Port Au Prince to see the greater part of the earthquake damage and to eat at an Americanized Haitian restaurant. We will fly back home on Saturday.

For any information on this or any other associational mission trip, please call the Mission Resources Center.

Henry Funderburk, Mission Coordinator  
Union Baptist Association

## WMU NEWS

I just have to say "Praise to the Lord", again! You ladies are the best! We collected way and beyond supplies for the *El Buen Pastor*. And we had enough money to buy 6 bulletin boards. God's blessings just keep overflowing.

I had the opportunity to share at Faulk's Baptist Church on Feb. 13, and I was so blessed. I love missions, and I am so happy to be able to serve and be a part of what WMU is doing.

Week of Prayer and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is March 6-13. Let's do a good job of promoting this. Try involving the church in hands-on missions. Develop a plan to pray for missionaries regularly. Send emails and notes of encouragement; send care packages to missionary families. Be a missionary encourager.

If your group would like to help, Euto Baptist Church has a team going to Swaziland in August. They are asking for help to make dolls to take with them. They will be in a village that has 400 orphans. These precious children beg for something to hold. They do require you to send a bible verse that is special to you attached to the doll. Pray for the child that may get your doll, pray that the child can know God's love. For more information, contact Lisa Warren at [warrensinafrica@gmail.com](mailto:warrensinafrica@gmail.com).

WMU Annual Meeting is Monday, March 28. Instead of a speaker, we will have a candlelight service called "Easter Women". This will be a time of worship, prayer, scripture, and song as we experience the time at the *Old Rugged Cross*, where our Lord was crucified.

Fun Day for the Maurice Street apartments will be Sat., May 21 at 2 pm. If you would like to be a part of this, please let me know.

Thank you for all you do! You make me proud, and God's blessings are the best.

Pat Haigler, Associational WMU Director

### Literacy Changes Lives

"I feel like my mind is opening up..." This is a quote from one of the 90+ adults in the **Literacy Council of Union County's** one-on-one tutoring program as he is learning to read for the first time in his life. What an incredible experience for this young man as well as his volunteer tutor! If you can spare about 3 hours a week, you too can experience the rewards of helping an adult to better his life by becoming functionally literate.

Take the first step by attending **Literacy Council 101 on Monday, March 7, 2011, 6 – 8 PM, 105-A East Jefferson Street, Monroe, 28112**. This informative session will provide valuable insight into the work of the Council, including an overview to tutoring and the commitment required to get started. After completing 101, you will be eligible to continue your training on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, from 6 – 9 PM and Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, from 9 AM – 4 PM. All sessions are required, and space is limited. Register today by calling 704-226-1425.



**UBA CALENDAR EVENTS**

**MARCH**

- 6 Girl Scout Sunday
- 6-12 Youth Week
- 6-13 Week of Prayer for North American Missions & the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 13 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 20 UBA Bible Drill 3:00 pm UBA MRC
- 21 UBA Council Mtg. 7:00 pm
- 26 Region 6 BASCAR Disaster Recovery Vol. Competition Shiloh Baptist 10:00-2
- 28 Annual WMU Meeting 7:00 pm UBA MRC

**APRIL**

- 2 Sunday School in a Transformational Church Conference Idlewild Baptist 9 am-12:30 pm Guest Speaker: Phil Stone BSC Sunday School Director
  - 10 Cooperative Program Sunday
  - 18 UBA Council Mtg. 7 pm
  - 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

**MAY**

- 14 UBA VBS Clinic 9-11 am UBA MRC

**STATE CONFERENCES**

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

**2011 NC Church Library Ministries Workshop**  
**March 18-20, 2011**  
**Ridgecrest Conference Center**  
 Email [dhudson@ncbaptist.org](mailto:dhudson@ncbaptist.org) for information.

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**Embrace Mother Daughter Retreat**  
**"Character Counts"**  
**March 25-26, 2011**

Begins Friday, March 25 at 4 pm and concludes Saturday, March 26 at 12 noon.  
 Call ext. 5559 to register or for more info.

**(State Conferences Cont.)**

**RA Car Racer Day**  
**Sat. March 26, 2011**

**First Baptist Church, Salisbury**  
 Registration begins at 8:15 am. Car race at 10, concluding at 3 pm. Call ext. 5603 for more info.

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**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

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**MissionsCAROLINA**  
**May 27-June 2, 2011**  
**Avery County, NC**

For more information or to register visit [www.wmunc.org/events/missionsCAROLINA](http://www.wmunc.org/events/missionsCAROLINA) or contact Linda Kreiter at [fastdogs2@nc.rr.com](mailto:fastdogs2@nc.rr.com) or 919-932-5319.

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**Opportunities & Positions**

**Lakeview Baptist Church** is looking for a full-time student minister. This will cover children, youth and college areas and calls for someone with experience, seminary degree, and ordination. Please call Dr. Steve Jirgal for further information at 704-283-0019.

**YOUTH NEWS**

**MAY:** The UBA Youth Committee would like to encourage every church youth group to plan to do Home Missions in your community in the month of May. Please plan a day to send students to shut-ins, local organizations or any other type of mission work in our communities. Also, we are **tentatively** hoping to hold "The Event", Wed., May 4. Location to be announced at a later date. This will be an evening of music, food and message.

**SEPTEMBER:** September 10, 2011, 9 am-2 pm Mark this date as we gather our youth and college students for a day of fellowship, games, music and a time of outreach. Details to come. Please save this date. Belk-Tonawanda Park, Monroe.

**DECEMBER:** Our Target date for "Operation Christmas Child" is **Friday, Dec. 2, 2011**. This **HAS NOT** been approved by OCC at this time but will be our request. We will ask for 550 spots this year.

**Frank Casstevens, UBA Youth Director**



## BI-VOCATIONAL MINISTRIES COORDINATOR

**Rev. Tony Medlin**

Consider this...

On or before the first Monday of February the President presents a budget to Congress. Congress receives it and begins to debate the budget. Some may say it doesn't concern me how our country spends our tax dollars. Actually, I use to feel the same way. Whether by contrived thinking or teaching, I used to believe we give to the church and never worry how the money was spent. However, I have changed my mind. I think it is poor stewardship not to be concerned about how the money is spent in God's Kingdom. Ever wonder why business meetings are so poorly attended? I think it is healthy for the people of the United States to be concerned how their tax dollars are spent, and also healthy for congregations to be concerned about how the church spends contributions.

We are living in a time when families are adjusting their budgets. Some don't have jobs and priorities have to be made on how money is spent. I saved an article from the *Biblical Recorder* dated January 8th that is titled, "Study Says Recession Catching Up to Churches". The report says that 2010 is the third year the Protestant church reported reduced income has grown. Our country's recession is finally hitting churches. Some churches have actually seen increase in giving but the biggest percentage of churches report giving is down.

These trends may cause pause for some staff people who may get reduction in compensation or even terminated. I don't use the word "laid off" since there is no government compensation for religious workers. The downturn in giving may actually cause our churches to focus on the important things in the Kingdom. Churches are similar to households in how they prioritize their budget. The important things get paid first such as housing, groceries, utilities, insurances. Missions is usually a discretionary item as well as giving to cooperative program, local association, state offerings, local missions, VBS, church evangelism, church improvements, church socials, etc. If we desire to discover our priorities of stewardship then examine where we spend our money. If a church wants to see what is important to that body of believers, then examine the budget and see where the money is designated. When a church says evangelism is important but spends no money on evangelism then the behavior confirms their belief. Since working in the association, I discovered that some member churches place no value on the work of the association. That is their choice.

I do believe, that these difficult times may cause churches to choose what they really value in God's Kingdom. Ed Stetzer gave an interesting statement (in the *Biblical Recorder* article referenced above) that has been ringing and resounding in my mind: "Scarcity brings clarity."

### Clyde's Commentary

**Rev. Clyde R. Hawkins, Associate Director of Missions**



**I want to share with you some practical suggestions that will help you help your pastor. This is not original with me, it is copied. These ten practical suggestions will help you help your pastor:**

- 1-Don't heap upon your pastor a major problem just before the service begins.**
- 2-Don't give a sympathetic ear to every little grip or criticism you hear.**
- 3-Don't live your life so as to add to the heavy burden of concern your pastor already carries.**
- 4-Don't force your pastor to attempt to do all the visiting.**

**5-Don't expect your pastor to be the janitor, yard worker, carpenter, painter, and general errand person for the church.**

**6-Don't falsely assume that a pastor can't become discouraged by laziness, worldliness, indifference or lukewarmness. Even Jesus was.**

**7-Don't insult your pastor's intelligence by supposing that he can't see through excuses.**

**8-Don't conclude that, because your pastor may deal strongly with sin, he isn't aware of his own and is not trying to gain victory over it just as he is challenging others to do.**

**9-Don't get such an exalted view of a pastor that, if he fails, you conclude that nobody can really live the Christian life. The pastor isn't your example – follow Jesus.**

**10-Don't think that a compliment of your pastor's sermon is a sufficient response. All pastors would rather you say nothing and do something.**

In Him  
*Clyde*

### FRUITLAND BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE MONROE CAMPUS

Third Quarter classes will begin April 5, 2011. They are scheduled Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Call for more information.

## 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](mailto:pstone@ncbaptist.org) or  
800-395-5102 ext. 5643.

To register: [www.ncbaptist.org/sundayschool](http://www.ncbaptist.org/sundayschool)

## **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](http://www.bchfamily.org/foodroundup)

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina



**"FOOD ROUNDUP"**  
for Baptist Children's  
Homes  
Tuesday, April 26-Friday,  
May 6  
UBA MRC

## **UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

### **Spring Session**

**Tuesday, April 26, 2011**

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

**Refreshments: 6 pm Session: 7 pm**

## **UBA VBS CLINIC**



**Saturday, May 14, 2011**

**3:00 pm**

**Union Baptist Association  
Missions Resource Center**

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### **Attention: UBA Messengers:**

A Called Session of the Messengers of Union Baptist Association will be held to consider a proposed offer on the property in Indian Trail, NC.

The Session will be held on Sunday, March 13, 2011, at 3:00 pm at the Missions Resource Center, located at 1744 Williams Road, Monroe, NC.

We must have twenty-one (21) congregations represented by messengers to conduct business.

This will be a brief but important session, and the attendance of messengers from the UBA Churches is essential. If directions to the UBA are needed, please call the office at 704.283.8383. Thank you.

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### **Modern Parable**

Behold, a ball team went forth to play a game of baseball. Just as the umpire was saying batter up, the catcher for the home team arrived and took his place. The center fielder didn't show up at all but later sent his regrets. The third baseman likewise failed to come to the game, having been up late the night before. The shortstop was present but left his glove at home. Two of the substitute fielders were away on a little weekend trip, but were there in spirit.

Verily, when the pitcher went into the box he looked around for his teammates, and lo, his heart was heavy, for their places were empty. But the game was announced and the visitors were in the stands and there was nothing to do but to pitch the ball and hope for the best. But he had to serve as pitcher, first baseman, third baseman, and cover short and center field. When the absent members of the defeated team heard that their team had lost, a decision was made to get a new pitcher!

A church gathered on Sunday morning....

## Shield a Badge with Prayer

As the name implies, emergency responders work in very stressful and sometimes dangerous situations, often risking their lives to protect us and provide peace and order in our community. Not only can their job be physically perilous; more often it is emotionally, morally and spiritually draining. Locally, firefighters have lost their lives responding to fires in our area in recent years and the shootings of two Charlotte police officers still play on local newscasts. Law enforcement as a whole has the highest rates of divorce, alcoholism, domestic violence and suicide of any profession. Nationally, there were 161 officers killed in the line of duty in the United States in 2010, and 28 officers have given the ultimate sacrifice already this year. There is no question that field carries risks that can extend well beyond quitting time.

For people of faith, an opportunity to express gratitude and the willingness to help comes through the ***Shield a Badge with Prayer*** program, which asks people to commit to pray for an officer, firefighter or emergency medical services responder by name every day for a year. Prayer has been shown to improve medical outcomes and affect situations in positive ways in multiple scientific studies and millions of incidents of anecdotal evidence. Individuals and congregations who believe in the power of prayer are encouraged to participate by praying regularly for God's protection, strength and wisdom to be granted to those who serve our community and their families, who share the burden of risk and strain.

Each prayer warrior will receive the name and birthday (if provided), of the officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services responder for whom he or she will pray, as well as appropriate contact information, such as the mailing address of the agency they work for. Support can be shown not only through prayer, but by sending birthday cards, cards of encouragement and Christmas cards to the officer.

We ask for a one year commitment of prayer. After a year, the prayer warrior may receive a different emergency responder's name or may continue to pray for the same one.

If you would like to be a prayer warrior, please send your name, address, e-mail address and the church you attend if applicable to [shieldwithprayer@yahoo.com](mailto:shieldwithprayer@yahoo.com) or by postal mail to Sgt. Pauline Lucore c/o Union County Sheriff's Office 3344 Presson Rd. Monroe, NC 28112 or call 704-292-2780. Any emergency responder who would like to be added to the prayer list may use that same contact information, or [paulinelucore@co.union.nc.us](mailto:paulinelucore@co.union.nc.us).