

Antioch
 Asian Indian Fellowship
 Austin Grove
 Benton Heights
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 Covenant
 East Campus Ministries
 Ebenezer
El Buen Pastor
 Elizabeth Missionary
 Emmanuel
 Euto
 Fairfield
 Faith
 Faulks
 Fellowship
 First Baptist Indian Trail
 First Baptist Marshville
 First Baptist Monroe
 First Baptist Weddington
 Forest Hills
 Foundation
 Freedom Biker Church
 Friendly
 Hamilton Cross Roads
 Hartis Grove
 Hermon
 Hillcrest
 Hmong
 Hopewell
 Howie
 King Memorial
 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
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 Union Grove
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****ATTENTION CHURCH CLERKS****
CONGREGATION PROFILES ARE DUE AT THE
UBA OFFICE BY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2011 BEFORE 5:00 PM!!

FLU SHOT CLINIC
 Community Health Services will sponsor a Flu Shot Clinic at the UBA on:
Tuesday, October 11, 2011
1-3 pm
Thursday, October 13, 2011
10am-12pm
 In addition to Community Health Service being available for Flu Shot Clinics, Rite Aid Pharmacy is also available to set up flu shot clinics in our churches and communities. Call Don or Bob at 704-289-5041.

WINDOWS OF THE HEART CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011
9:00 AM - NOON
REGISTRATION: 8:30 AM
MOUNTAIN SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
2509 MOUNTAIN SPRINGS CHURCH ROAD
MONROE NC 28112
SPEAKER: CHRISTINE WELLS HARPER


UBA 157th ANNUAL SESSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2011


Sandy Ridge Baptist Church
1106 Sandy Ridge Road West
Monroe NC 28112
Afternoon Session: 2:30 pm
Evening Session: 7:00 pm
Meal: 5:30-6:45 pm
All messengers and visitors are urged to attend.

Dennis' Dialogue:



Now you see them, now you don't....

Now you see them, now you don't. Sounds like magic, doesn't it? I guess in a way it really is. These kids of ours that is. One day, they're playing with toy cars, the next, they're driving ours. Then they buy their own. One day they were children, and the next they are adults. One day they are bouncing around the house raising a ruckus, and the next they are bringing their own children around to raise a ruckus! Life works the magic of growth, and change always comes. But life being what it is, we know that the original is somewhere a part of the new.

That's the way life is to us. We grow and change, but yet who we are never really leaves us. In that reality we never lose our children or never lose contact with our parents. In this process of life we have a continuity of living and being which gives us direction. Our grandchildren are our investment into the near future of the journey.

I believe that we are also the children of God. He is the Father-Creator who brought all that is into being. We are the highest form of His creative energy, modeled after Himself. Because of who we are in Him, we have worth, value and dignity. We have a family name, Christian, which means, Christ like. We have family, brothers and sisters around the world. Some of us have children in Christ, those whom we have brought to Christ as Savior. Some of us even have Grandchildren in the Lord! The Father gave us life in and through Christ. The life in Christ we live has a journey and a purpose just as our earthly life does. (Gal. 2:20)

Time has a way of slipping away from us unnoticed, just as our children disappeared into adulthood. We sometimes wonder where did the days go? It is only in Christ that we come to understand the purpose of God for our lives. This world, this life, is a prelude to the next. There is a meaning to our being, and we are not alone. God is with us. When we struggle with where someone has gone, where the days have gone, indeed where life itself has gone, we have the abiding hope of knowing that all of our days are in God's unchangeable hands. Our journey is a part of His plan, and He has plans to bring our lives to good.

There really isn't any deep secret to life. The truth is that God is life and we are a part of His unchangeable love. I take a lot of comfort in knowing that God doesn't count days or measure time the way I do. It seems only yesterday that I became a Christian and now 51 years later I wonder where the days have gone. For God, it was only yesterday!

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

MONTHLY CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT FOR AUGUST 2011

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Antioch	166.66	1,333.28
Austin Grove	354.16	2,833.28
Benton Heights	0.00	1,400.00
Benton's Cross Roads	532.50	3,727.50
Bethel	0.00	1,567.50
Calvary	1,862.16	5,140.80
Centerview	394.34	3,209.61
Central	50.00	350.00
Christ	100.00	200.00
Corinth	0.00	0.00
Covenant	0.00	0.00
Ebenezer	403.19	3,025.24
<i>El Buen Pastor</i>	108.00	432.00
Elizabeth Missionary	100.00	800.00
Emmanuel	84.58	568.37
Euto	1,301.11	8,785.55
Fairfield	0.00	125.00
Faith	0.00	0.00
Faulks	0.00	1,584.60
Fellowship	0.00	0.00
Forest Hills	0.00	0.00
Foundation	47.06	326.74
Friendly	200.00	600.00
Hamilton Cross Roads	500.00	1,500.00
Hartis Grove	0.00	250.00
Hermon	727.35	5,594.76
Hillcrest	375.00	3,000.00
Hopewell	0.00	5,250.00
Howie	0.00	0.00
Indian Trail First	450.00	3,600.00
King Memorial	0.00	0.00
Korean Baptist/Charlotte	150.00	1,150.00
Korean Global Msn. Ch.	150.00	850.00
Lakeview	0.00	2,500.00
Lanes Creek	50.00	400.00
Lee Park	1,500.00	3,000.00
LifePoint	93.00	741.00
Love	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	250.53	1,951.06
Marshville-First	0.00	0.00
Mary Elizabeth	658.40	3,637.68
Midway	0.00	3,000.00
Mill Creek	0.00	3,183.00
Monroe-First	416.67	3,333.36
Mount Harmony	416.67	3,333.36
Mountain Springs	780.00	8,580.00
Mt. Moriah	227.25	1,520.55
Mt. Olive	0.00	2,000.00
Mt. Pleasant	991.22	8,374.64
Mt. Zion	0.00	2,338.00
New Hope	0.00	4,428.03
New Life	0.00	0.00
New Salem	0.00	250.00
Oak Grove	0.00	2,387.69
Oakland	250.00	750.00
Olive Branch	0.00	2,250.00

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Philadelphia	868.38	5,612.32
Pleasant Hill	208.34	2,666.72
Providence	0.00	0.00
Roanoke	0.00	0.00
Sandy Ridge	326.41	2,409.66
Sardis	1,044.58	8,584.41
Secret Grove	0.00	0.00
Shiloh	2,500.00	8,750.00
Solid Rock	50.00	400.00
South Monroe formerly Sunset Pk	0.00	0.00
Sutton Park	180.00	714.11
Trinity	0.00	2,000.00
Union	0.00	1,000.00
Union Grove	0.00	900.00
Waxhaw	0.00	1,830.00
Weddington Community	0.00	0.00
Weddington-First	2,105.74	17,392.71
West Monroe	200.00	1,360.00
Westend	0.00	0.00
Wingate	283.33	2,266.64

Missions:

Freedom Biker Church	0.00	143.53
Harvest Ministries	0.00	755.13
Hmong Baptist Church	0.00	0.00
New Life Brazilian Baptist Church	0.00	126.56
Real Life South Charlotte	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	\$21,456.63	\$172,074.39

A complete financial statement is available upon request.

Account Balances August 31, 2011

Petty Cash	100.00
* Checking Account-BB&T	41,012.18
Checking Account-5th 3rd	286,687.63
Total	\$327,799.81

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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Mrs. Sandy (Jeannean) Rogers Benton Heights
- 11 Rev. Donnie Crump Howie
- 13 Rev. Rile Baucom Covenant
- 15 Mrs. Caroll (Sherrie) Anthony Philadelphia
- 16 Mrs. Steve (Pam) Jirgal Lakeview
- 18 Rev. Earl Sossamon Retired
- 20 Rev. Joe Stroud Centerview
- 21 Mrs. Jeff (Sandra) Smith Hamilton
Cross Roads
- 28 Rev. George Dehart Retired
- 31 Mrs. Phillip (Kay) Hunter Mill Creek

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



- 13 Dr. & Mrs. Derrill Smith Wingate
- 18 Rev. & Mrs. Shad Hicks Mt. Pleasant
- 18 Rev. & Mrs. Claude Connell Retired
- 28 Rev. & Mrs. Ricky Godwin New Life

MEDICARE PART D

Do you know someone on Medicare? Each year beneficiaries have one chance to change their prescription drug coverage. That time is fast approaching - October 15th thru December 7th! A yearly review can stretch your Medicare dollars by keeping you informed about premium & deductible increases, changes in covered drugs, and making sure you have the best coverage. Beginning September 26 you can call Council on Aging in Union County (704-292-1797) to schedule an appointment to review your Medicare prescription drug plan.



We would like to extend a special **thank you** to our volunteers that helped with the preparation and mailing of the *UBA September Messenger*: **Gloria Hayes, Betty Ross, Joyce Warren, Frances Wentz and Wanda Wentz from Oak Grove 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.

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

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



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

Oct. 2-8	Benton Heights	Rev. Sandy Rogers
Oct. 9-15	Benton's Cross Roads	Dr. Chris Baucom
Oct. 16-22	Bethel	Rev. Randy Davis
Oct. 23-29	Calvary	Rev. Eddie Price
Oct. 30-Nov. 5	Centerview	Rev. Joe Stroud

Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute Fall Quarter Classes

The **Fall Quarter** at **Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute Monroe Campus** will begin on **October 4, 2011** and will offer the following classes:

- Tuesday 6-8 pm Church Administration 201
Dennis Burton
- Tuesday 8-10 pm English 201 Mel Winstead
- Thursday 6-8 pm Old Testament 201
Ron Lynch
- Thursday 8-10 pm New Testament 201
Steve Stewart

You may download an application at www.fruitland.edu or come by the Union Baptist Association office located at 1744 Williams Road, Monroe.

WELCOME



We would like to welcome **Rev. Alan Rushing** as pastor at **Foundation Baptist Church.** He has served as Interim and was called as pastor on August 28, 2011. Rev. Rushing and wife, Annette, are from Monroe.



CHURCH NEWS

Ebenezer: Fall Festival, Oct. 30, 4:30-7 pm. Carnival games, inflatables, cake walk, door-prizes and an “In-House” singing. This FREE event is open to the public so come and join the FUN!

Oakland: Girl’s Morning Out “Moments Matter” for all ages to be held on Sat., Oct. 29 at 9:30 am. Guest speaker will be Teresa Brown. Join us for fun, laughter, encouragement, inspiration, renewal, lunch and more. Tickets are \$5 and must be purchased before Wed., Oct. 26. For information or to purchase tickets, call Brenda Carnes, 704-283-4389.

Roanoke: Every Sun. night in October we will have **Singing His Praises Sundays** at 6:30 pm. Guests will be: Oct. 2-Bread of Life, Oct. 9-Seventh Vessel, Oct. 16-The Gospelaires, Oct. 23-The Harvesters, and on Oct. 30-The Tyners. On Oct. 31, 5-8 pm, we invite everyone to join us for our **Trunk or Treat Celebration**. Fun, Free food, costume prizes and candy in a safe environment.

West Monroe: “The Streets of Bethlehem”, Sat. Dec 10 & Sun. Dec. 11, 5-9 pm. For more information, call 704-283-2532.

Union County SENIOR WELLNESS EXPO 2011

**Thursday, November 3, 2011
9am-12 noon**

**Union County Agricultural Services
& Conference Center
3230 Presson Road
Monroe NC 28112**

- Free Admission & Parking
- Free Health Screenings
- Door Prizes
- Seasonal Flu Shot Clinic
- Refreshments
- Ask the Pharmacist
- Senior Services Providers

Come with your Senior Group and enjoy!

For more information:
704-292-1797 or 704-282-4657

Sponsored by NC Cooperation Extension Service, Council on Aging,
and the Ellen Fitzgerald Senior Center.
Underwritten by: BB&T

WMU NEWS

Wow! How good the cool weather feels. God is good and He gives us many changes. We know He is in control. The rain was such a blessing, too. Let’s all remember our important dates and be a part of what our associational WMU is doing.

October: Windows of the Heart Conference-Oct. 22 at Mountain Springs Baptist Church, 2509 Mtn. Springs Church Rd., Monroe NC. (601 South) Registration is 8:30, conference starts at 9 and will end at noon with lunch. The cost is \$15. Door prizes will be given during lunch. You will enjoy Christine Wells Harper. She spoke at our first event and is looking forward to being with us again. She does a lot for NCWMU as she is a consultant for “Sisters Who Care”.

November: RED BOXES for the NC Women’s Correctional Centers in the Raleigh area. We have been asked to provide 4-5 oz. bars of soap. Our goal is 500. These are due at the UBA by November 7. World Day of Prayer will be held on Nov. 7 at Centerview Baptist Church, 2711 Old Pageland-Marshville Rd., Marshville NC .

OCC National Collection week for the Samaritans Purse Shoe Boxes is Nov. 14-21.

Hygiene Kits for agencies in Union County will be collected Nov. 28-Dec. 2. Items needed: 4 oz. toothpaste, toothbrush, washcloth, soap 4-5 oz., chapstick, 2.8 oz deodorant, 15 oz. shampoo. Please place the items in a gallon size ziplock bag and take to UBA.

December: Donna Pittman Christmas Toy Store will be held on Sat. Dec. 10 from 8am-7pm. Toys will be collected at the UBA Nov. 28-Dec. 9.

Lets all give and serve with a cheerful heart and know that what we do for others we also do for Him. What a joy!

In His Love,
Pat Haigler, WMU Associational Director



NOVEMBER 6, 2011



UBA CALENDAR EVENTS

OCTOBER

10 Church Profiles Due at UBA before 5pm!

- 11 Flu Shots at UBA 1-3 pm
- 13 Flu Shots at UBA 10 am-12 pm
- 17 UBA Council Mtg. 7 pm
- 22 "Windows of the Heart" Conference
Mtn. Springs Baptist Church
Registration: 8:30 am
Conference: 9 am - Noon
- 25 UBA Annual Session**
Sandy Ridge Baptist Church
Afternoon Session: 2:30 pm
Evening Session: 7:00 pm
Dinner: 5:30 pm

NOVEMBER

- 6 Daylight Saving Time Ends-Turn clocks back
- 7 **Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer**
Centerview Baptist Church 7 pm
2711 Old Pageland-Marshville Road
Marshville NC 28103
- 7-8 **Baptist State Convention Annual Meeting**
Koury Convention Center, Greensboro NC
Visit www.ncannualmeeting.org
- 13-20 Thanksgiving Offering for
Baptist Children's Homes & Week of Prayer
- 14-21 OCC Shoebox National Collection Week**
- 21 UBA Council Mtg. 7 pm
- 23-25 UBA Closed for Thanksgiving**
- 24 THANKSGIVING**

STATE CONFERENCES

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

Coastal Retreats for Seniors at Fort Caswell
Oct. 3-5, Oct. 10-12, Oct. 17-19 & Oct. 24-26
To register call 1-910-278-9501.

For more information, visit www.ncbaptist.org/index.php?id=seniorconfbythesea20

Men's Ministry Weekend
October 7-8, 2011

Shelby Mission Camp

302 Sharpton Dr., Shelby, NC
Call 800-395-5102 ext. 5607 or 5613

(State Conferences Cont.)

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

For more information, contact rfreman@caraway.org.

Opportunities & Positions

Hopewell: Hopewell Baptist in Monroe is accepting applications for an Administrative Pastor. A qualified applicant will have a degree in ministry and or business with experience in both (Master's preferred). Duties will include overseeing church staff, budget, calendar, contracts and ministry responsibilities including vision casting, team meetings and pastor care. Please send resume to lee@whatasavior.com.

Sardis: Sardis Baptist is in need of a full-time ministry assistant with the following elements: 1. Great communication skills: both verbal and written. Proficient in MS Word, Outlook & computer operation. 2. Creativity in visual presentations: bulletin, webpage, etc. Desktop publishing skills are essential. 3. Organizational skills—must be able to multi-task, provide administrative support to pastoral staff, oversee projects and delegate to volunteers and vendors as needed with efficiency and accuracy. The compensation is \$14.50 per hour with no benefits. Email resume to: kennhucks@sardisbaptist.com



Operation Christmas Child Collection Schedule

Union Baptist Association located at
1744 Williams Road, Monroe, NC,
will serve as a collection center for
Operation Christmas Child.

National Collection Week is November 14-21.
Please follow this schedule for collection:

Monday, November 14	4-9 pm
Tuesday, November 15	12-2 pm
Wednesday, November 16	12-2 pm
Thursday, November 17	12-2 pm
Friday, November 18	4-9 pm
Saturday, November 19	1-4 pm
Sunday, November 20	1-5 pm
Monday, November 21	9 am-8 pm

November 21 is the last day to turn in shoeboxes

If you can volunteer for any of these days or times, please call the UBA at 704-283-8383.



BI-VOCATIONAL MINISTRIES COORDINATOR

Rev. Tony Medlin

Consider this...

Recently I spoke at two funerals for former church members. One member was in my first church which was over thirty five years ago. I began to think about the fact of getting older and the changes that people face in life especially in the autumn years. One of the most difficult obstacles in aging is being open to change. Over four hundred years ago someone wrote, "You can't teach an old dog new tricks". First of all, humans are different from dogs. We can choose to change. We can choose to be teachable. I would add that being teachable in youth makes it easier to be teachable as we age.

Being teachable is a great asset as we meet the challenges of life. Life usually doesn't get easier, but more challenging. Ask any senior adult.

Just as adults age and face changes, churches also age and face increasing challenges. Churches can decide to be teachable. There are some churches that have chosen to be teachable and the results are a blessing to the kingdom of God. The good news is any church can choose to be teachable and see God work in a new way.

Willing to be teachable is a good first step for an individual or church who wants God's best. For example, great work was done by seniors in the Bible, like Moses at 83, Aaron at 83, Joshua at 80, Caleb at 80, Daniel over 80 and others. We can claim the promise of Psalms 92:14, "They will still bear fruit in old age, healthy and green".

Prayer:

"God help me to be teachable, to experience Your best and to be a blessing to others in the kingdom".

Clyde's Commentary

Rev. Clyde R. Hawkins, Associate Director of Missions



Paul closes 1 Corinthians 15 with this challenge- - "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know, that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." As Christians, we are engaged in SPIRITUAL WARFARE. (Ephesians 6: 10-20) History has recorded for us, the Dark Ages, the age of reason, the age of reform, the space age, the age of wonder, and fun and excitement. So someone has suggested that future historians will refer to our age as The Age of Compromise. That may be true. Today it seems like convictions fall like feathers from a smitten bird. Friends and foes alike shift their allegiance daily. Our society is calling on all of us to compromise, bend and water down the word of God. Some seem to think it doesn't matter what you believe, just be sincere. I am convinced we need to know what we believe, and why we believe what we believe. The Ecumenical movement is trying to bring together various religious groups. They want to put all kinds of religious groups together under one big umbrella. They want you to forget those things you do believe. But, I can't be a part of any group that bends and breaks and attempts to water down the Gospel message. But, I for one, want to go on record as standing steadfast and unmovable on the fundamental foundations of Biblical Christianity. The Psalmist asked, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" If we compromise with the world; if we move away from the basic doctrines of the Bible.....what can we do?

Today, the legislators of several states in the country (including North Carolina) are trying to change the laws concerning marriage. They are pushing legislation that will make same sex marriage legal. This legislation may be legal, but it is not Biblical. (Read Genesis 2: 21-25)

I trust we Christians will join forces and work to stop this amendment in North Carolina.

In Him,
Clyde



Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

Monday, November 7, 2011 7:00 pm

Centerview Baptist Church
2711 Old Pageland-Marshville Rd.
Marshville NC 28103

"In Step With the Spirit"

"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit"
Galatians 5:25 (KJV)

An advertisement for the Baptist Children's Homes Annual Offering. It features a photograph of a smiling woman with dark hair, wearing a red and white striped shirt. To her right, the text reads: "Because of you, Kourri accepted Jesus." Below the photo, the word "changed!" is written in a large, stylized, yellow font. At the bottom, it says: "Give & change children's lives! BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES ANNUAL OFFERING WEEK OF PRAYER: NOVEMBER 13 - 20 www.bchfamily.org/offering ✨ 1.800.476.3669".

**Donna Pittman Christmas Toy Store will be held on
Saturday, December 10, 2011**

**Toys will be collected at the UBA MRC
from November 28 - December 9, 2011.**

**Please contribute to this mission so that
underprivileged children can have a blessed Christmas and learn the
true meaning of Christmas.**

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