

**From the Pastor**

**In the Garden**

“Take a buddy with You.” That’s the rule at Boy Scout camp. No scout could go anywhere alone. It’s a safety issue. If trouble pops up, someone is there to help. You never know about bears, wolves, crocodiles, or charging rhinos. Or you might stumble upon a sink hole or quicksand.

I doubt those things would happen in Rutherfordton, except maybe the one about the bears. So why need a buddy at camp? It’s quite simple. The real struggle for the scouts is loneliness. Untreated, this leads to homesickness. So always take a buddy everywhere you go.

My favorite Psalm today is number 23. “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me.” The child of God is never alone.

The Lord is your shepherd. He knows all that you’re going through. He will safely keep you. He is your constant companion. He walks with you and He talks with you. Praise the Lord.

Making a difference,  
Roger

**Ext. Session Teachers 7/30/2017**

Preschl 1-3: Renee Costner  
Nancy Costner

Preschl 4-5: Lucy Bradley

**Ext. Session Teachers 8/6/2017**

Preschl 1-3: Becky Denton

Preschl 4-5: Donna Crawford

**Prayer Ministry**

7/30 – Bill & Kathy Grant  
8/6 – Diane Feagan, Joyce Short

**Deacon of the Week**

Ted Scott----- 7/30  
Jack Stafford ----- 8/6

**Parking Lot Patrol**

Mike Taylor ----- 7/30  
Randy Cline ----- 7/30  
Tyrone Bright----- 8/6  
John Wilson ----- 8/6

**Upper Room Ministries**

8/2 – Revival  
8/9 – Donna Crawford, Laura Taylor

**Community Prayer Walk**

**Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 10am**

**Come join us!!**

*Attention Ladies*

**YOUR BIBLE STUDY BOOK MONEY IS DUE!**

*The study book is \$16.00.*

*Please make checks payable to:*

*Unity Baptist Church for: “Beth Moore - Daniel”*

*Edith Taylor*



Caylin Jones – 8/5      Doris Lester – 8/15

The above names were left off the AUGUST BIRTHDAY list in the last newsletter. Please be sure and wish them a happy birthday next month too!



Dear Unity Church Family,  
I just want to thank you for all the cards, visits and prayers! You are a wonderful church family and I can’t thank you enough for everything!

Love, Tom Henson

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*Thank you to the estate of Vicki Hoffman for making a generous donation to our church.*

*We will use this donation to replenish our reserves.*

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*Unity Baptist Church Family,  
Thank you so much for the sweet graduation gift! I plan to put the Bible and the devotional to good use! I’m grateful for all of your continued prayers and support throughout my journey!*

*Love, Natalie Railey*

*Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.*

**ACTS 3:19-20**

**Unity at a Glance**

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>July 16</b>	<b>July 23</b>	
Sunday School	56	65	
Morning Worship	78	89	
Evening Worship	N/A	75	
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>July 16</b>	<b>July 23</b>	<b>Balance</b>
General Offering	\$4,135.00	\$3,616.00	
Ladies Bible Study	\$16.00	\$64.00	\$240.00
VBS Designated	\$0.00	\$14.00	\$508.15
I Need You Fund	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$1,043.03
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Bi-Weekly</b>	<b>To Date</b>	
Budget Requirements	\$8,348.90	\$125,233.50	
Budget Received	\$7,751.00	\$131,152.94	

**Deadline for next newsletter is August 6<sup>th</sup>!**

**CURRENT EVENTS FOR JULY 30<sup>TH</sup> – AUG 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

<u>Sun, July 30</u>	9:00 AM Praise Team
	9:45 AM Sunday School
	10:15 AM Instrumental Rehearsal
	10:30 AM Unity Worship Choir
	11:00 AM Revival – Rev. Allen Lefler
	6:00 PM Unity Worship Choir
	6:30 PM Revival – Rev. Allen Lefler
<u>Mon - Wed</u> <u>July 31 - Aug 2</u>	6:00 PM Unity Worship Choir
	6:30 PM Revival – Rev. Allen Lefler
<u>Sun, Aug 6</u>	8:00 AM Deacons Meeting
	9:00 AM Praise Team
	9:45 AM Sunday School
	10:30 AM Instrumental Rehearsal
	10:45 AM Unity Worship Choir
	11:00 AM Worship/The Lord's Supper
	5:30 PM Beth Moore Bible Study "Daniel" Begins
	6:00 PM Worship
<u>Mon, Aug 7</u>	7:00 PM Annie Armstrong Group, Nancy Burch
<u>Wed, Aug 9</u>	9 AM & 6 PM Prayer Meeting
	6:00 PM Upper Room Ministries

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 8am – 4:30pm

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Aug 6-Oct 29	Ladies Bible Study, Beth Moore – Daniel, 5:30pm
Aug 13	School Supplies Due
Aug 26	Deacon Fellowship, 5pm, Market Street
Aug 27-Sept 3	NC Missions Offering – Week of Prayer
Aug 29	Sunshine Club, 10:30am
Oct 6 & 7	Pictorial Directory Pictures Taken....Smile

**DEACON FELLOWSHIP**  
**Saturday, Aug 26<sup>th</sup>, 5pm**  
**Market Street Buffet & Bakery**  
 2525 S York Rd, Gastonia, NC

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**DROP OFF BY AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>!**