

Peace on Earth

“Assembly Required.” Oh, the task of being Santa’s helper. For most, the job doesn’t start until after bedtime on Christmas Eve. Then, for hours it’s a steady, step by step process until every gift is fully assembled. The joy of the next morning is worth all the effort. Nothing is complete until all its parts are together. That’s the message of Christmas. In the culture of the Bible times, this was the definition of peace – to be whole, complete, lacking nothing. In other words, fully assembled. The birth of Jesus was both foretold and announced as the inauguration of peace. He came to complete us, restore us, make us whole. Sin shattered humanity and separated us from God. No matter the effort, we could not put ourselves back together. Like Humpty Dumpty, we were left in pieces. Then the Prince of Peace came and destroyed sin and death on the cross. Now we are made whole again. No assembly required.

Merry Christmas
Pastor Roger

Revitalization Update:

On Saturday, November 5, Unity Baptist (with assistance from Burnsville Baptist, Greer, SC) hosted a Community Fall Block Party. We are happy to report that the event was a success. We had over 100 adults and children attend. The following day (Sunday, Nov. 6) we had 9 children attend our children’s group, Unity Kids! We look forward to furthering our growth of Unity Kids with future projects.

The Unity Legacy Room is coming together very well. We have placed the Pastor’s portraits in a place of prominence and there will be a Legacy Table below them, displaying items that have historic significance to the founding and early years of Unity Baptist. We will soon be placing our Charter Members and Military Veterans plaques along with the American Flag on the walls across from the Pastor’s portraits.

The Revitalization Team has started discussions of events that will take place this month and into the new year. We ask that if anyone has suggestions for future events, make these known to any Revitalization member: CJ Jones, Cheri Lehnert, Derek Lehnert, Laura Taylor.

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SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			Focus on Faith			
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4 Worship 11:00am Advent 2: Peace (Deacon’s Meeting, 2023 Budget Distributed)	5	6	7 Luke 1:30-32	8	9 Sunshine Club- Christmas Party at the church	10
11 Worship 11:00am Advent 3: Joy (Called Conference to approve 2023 Budget)	12	13	14 Luke 2:4-7	15	16	17
18 Worship 11:00am Advent 4: Love (Christmas Music)	19	20	21 Luke 2:8-20	22	23	24 Worship 5:00pm Advent 5: Christ (Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, The Lord’s Supper)
25 No Service MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26	27	28 John 1:14	29	30	31

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 9 am - 3:00 pm

December Birthdays

- 1- Robert Nash
- 3- Jennifer Price
- 4- Karen McMahan
- 7- Earl Brackett
- 8- Joyce Auten
Kathy Grant
- 9- Bill Chaney
- 17- Tommy Farmer
- 18- Cameron Denton
Tyler Miller
- 20- Trish Elliott
- 21- Evelyn Gibson
David Wolfe
- 23- Nancy Stafford
Carolyn Blanton
- 25- Jamie Lewis

We exist to love God, love others, serve others and grow deeper. Our mission is to make disciples. We see the people of West Gastonia experiencing positive life change in Jesus Christ

Dear Friends,

All of your prayers, cards, and many remembrances have been appreciated, A special thank you to the Food Group and classes.

Please continue to pray for us.

Sincerely,
Linda, Pam, and
Tim Greenlee

Deacon of the Week

- Dec 4- Lemar Hardee
- Dec 11- CJ Jones
- Dec 18- Ted Scott
- Dec 25- Cliff Taylor

Parking Lot Patrol

- Dec 4- Gary Posey,
Jimmy Williams
- Dec 11- Tyrone Bright,
John Wilson
- Dec 18- David Cobb,
Robert Burch
- Dec 25- Mike Taylor,
Cliff Taylor

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
BILLY ADAMS!!!**

THANK YOU FOR 29 YEARS OF
DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE UNITY
CHURCH FAMILY!!
BILLY CAME TO WORK FOR US ON
NOVEMBER 29, 1993.
THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!
WE LOVE YOU!

Have a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!



We would like to thank everyone who participated in our BBQ Fundraiser for the Riley Family, who are currently serving in Central Asia.

We raised \$250 and the funds will be used to purchase items for a care package, that will be sent along with a Missions Team that will be heading to Central Asia in December.

During this holiday season, let's continue to pray not only for The Riley's but for all those around the world who are spreading the Good News of God!

Please Join us on
Sunday, December 18 for our
Christmas Music Service at 11:00am

and

Saturday, December 24 for our
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Communion at 5:00pm.

October 2022 Financial Overview

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Oct 2</u>	<u>Oct 9</u>	<u>Oct 16</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>Oct 30</u>
General Offering	\$5,851.33	\$2,969.00	\$3,709.00	\$3,224.00	\$5,943.71
State Missions	\$50.00				
Unity for Sadler			\$50.00		
Sales Tax Refund			\$211.11		
Pass Thru – Organ			\$550.00		
Desig Ch Revitalization				\$700.00	

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budgeted Amount	\$17,659.87	\$176,598.70
Receipts	\$21,908.15	\$144,529.52
Expenses	\$17,017.13	\$162,624.00

The deadline for the January newsletter is **December 22**

Thank you so much for giving!

