

Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

“Glory to God in the highest,  
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

Luke 2:10-14

Jesus is The Reason for The Season



- **Sunday Mornings**  
Adult Life Groups      10:00am  
Worship                    11:00am  
Unity Kids                11:00am

We are working hard on making positive changes not only for our church but also for our community.

We are always looking for exciting and new ways of engaging with the people of West Gastonia.

We welcome any and all ideas that will be of benefit and service to Unity and our surrounding community.

We hope that you will follow us on social media (Facebook), stay up-to-date on upcoming events ([ubcgastonia.org](http://ubcgastonia.org)) and

**COME GROW WITH US!**

D  
e  
c  
e  
m  
b  
e  
r  
  
2  
0  
2  
3

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 Worship 11:00am “Angels Announce Him” Luke 1:26-38 -Deacon’s Meeting	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Worship 11:00am “Wise People Seek Him” Matthew 2:1-2, 9-12	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Worship 11:00am “Shepherds Worship Him” Luke 2:13-20	18	19	20	21 (Church office closed)	22 (Church office closed)	23
24 Worship 11:00am (a.m.) “O Christmas Tree” Luke 2:10-11 (p.m.) “God Exalts Him” John 3:14-17	25 <b>Merry Christmas</b> (Church office closed)	26 (Church office closed)	27	28	29	30
31 Worship 11:00am “Christmas Teaches Us” Matthew 2:13-15						

Focus on  
The FUTURE  
A Publication of Unity Baptist Church



Vol 23 December 2023 No.12

482 N. Myrtle School Rd. Gastonia, NC 28052  
704.865.7601  
[www.ubcgastonia.org](http://www.ubcgastonia.org)

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



**December Birthdays**

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

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



**Deacon of the Week**

Dec 3- Tyrone Bright  
Dec 10- Lemar Hardee  
Dec 17- CJ Jones  
Dec 24- Derek Lehnert  
Dec 31- Gary Posey

**Parking Lot Patrol**

Dec 3- David Cobb,  
Robert Burch  
Dec 10- Cliff Taylor, Mike  
Taylor  
Dec 17- Derek Lehnert,  
Bill Grant  
Dec 24- Gary Posey,  
Jimmy Williams  
Dec 31- Tyrone Bright,  
John Wilson

**On Christmas Eve,  
Sunday, December 24,  
we will hold morning and  
evening services.**

**There will be singing,  
a message brought to us by  
Pastor Tom Kinman,  
Communion, and  
Lighting of the Candles.**

**We invite anyone and  
everyone to join us  
as we celebrate the birth  
of our Lord and Savior,  
Jesus Christ.  
We hope to see you at one  
or both of our services!**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**

**Lottie Moon  
Christmas Offering**

**2023 Lottie Moon Week of Prayer will be  
Sunday, December 3–Sunday, December 10.**

**(You can pick up Lottie Moon envelopes and  
other resources in the church Welcome Center  
or in the common room of the Life Groups)**

**Our Church Giving Goal is:**

**\$3,000.00**

**Events coming in 2024:**

**VBS will be returning in the Spring!  
Cheri Lehnert (VBS Director) will have  
more information at the beginning of  
the year. If you are interested in  
volunteering, contact Cheri at  
the church office (704.865.7601).**

**Unity Baptist will be holding a  
fundraiser/yard sale in late Spring.**

**We will be raising funds for the  
church General Fund and  
any Designated Funds that  
the church sees fit.**

**If anyone has any items that they  
would like to donate, we will have a  
couple of rooms available in the  
Education Building to  
store these items.**

**October 2023 Financial Overview**

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>October 1</u>	<u>October 8</u>	<u>October 15</u>	<u>October 22</u>	<u>October 29</u>
General Offering	\$4,481.16	\$2,317.00	\$2,769.70	\$3,156.00	\$4,114.44
Poinsettia		\$10.00	\$80.00		
NC Missions	\$50.00				
Unity for Sadler	\$50.00				\$50.00
Pass-Through		\$545.00	\$130.00		\$250.00
Miscellaneous	\$250.00		\$250.00		
Building & Grounds				\$20.00	\$100.00

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budgeted Amount	\$14,490.84	\$144,908.40
Receipts	\$15,702.73	\$139,628.06
Expenses	\$12,593.90	\$131,225.37

**The deadline for  
the January  
newsletter is  
December 21**

**Thank you  
so much  
for giving!**

