

From the Pastor

The Price for Freedom

We annually celebrate our independence as a nation. The "Fourth of July" holiday, as it is commonly called, is a day commemorating the ratification of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The founders stated that the colonies were united, free, and independent states.

The American Revolutionary War, which had begun in the spring of the previous year, would eventually settle the matter by 1783. That's what we often forget. King George didn't simply grant what was declared. People had to fight for our independence. Lives were the cost of our freedom.

The same is true in the spiritual realm. We have been freed from the bondage of sin. But our freedom wasn't free. It cost the blood of Christ. He fought in

our place on the old rugged cross. Praise Him! Praise Him!

Making a difference,
Pastor Roger

Please pray for our pastor as he seeks God's wisdom as we work to get back to our "new" normal. Ask God to give him the exact messages the church needs to hear.

We also broadcast via Facebook Live, a worship celebration appropriate for the times. Invite a friend or family member to tune in each Sunday!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURS	FRI.	SAT.
			Focus on Freedom			
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3 Worship 11:00 Deacons Meeting	4 Happy 4th! Office closed	5	6 2 Corinthians 3:17	7	8	9
10 Worship 11:00 Scout Camp- Guest Speaker, Thane Kendall	11	12	13 John 8:36	14	15	16
17 Worship 11:00 Psalm 150 Music Service and Fellowship	18	19	20 Galatians 5:1	21	22	23
24 Worship 11:00 Deacon Nominations	25	26 Sunshine Club 10:30am	27	28	29	31
31 Worship 11:00 The Lord's Supper						



The Office will be closed on Monday July 4 in observance of Independence Day

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The FUTURE

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



July Birthdays

3- Pat Bradshaw
 4- Dennis Kinlaw
 12- Gary Posey
 17- Sue Clinton
 21- Becky Denton
 27- Faye Brown
 Linda Greenlee
 Pam Greenlee
 30- Terry Phillips

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

Come one, come all!

*Sunday, July 17
 Psalm 150 Music Service
 And Fellowship*

Deacon of the Week

July 3- Cliff Taylor
 July 10- John Wilson
 July 17- Gary Posey
 July 24- Mike Taylor
 July 31- Cliff Taylor

Extended Session Teachers

Due to COVID-19 we will not have Children's Services at this time.

Parking Lot Patrol

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

JULY MISSION

School supplies for the people of Sadler Elementary

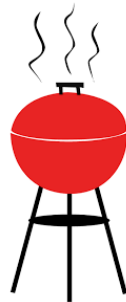
Too Busy? Too Tired?

Two ways to make a difference!

#1- If you like to shop, buy supplies (hand sanitizer, pencils, paper, glue, etc.) and turn in to Unity Baptist by Sunday, August 7

OR

#2- You can donate money by Sunday, July 31 and we will purchase supplies on your behalf (be sure to designate your donation as "Unity for Sadler")



Tell Your Family and Friends!!!

Unity Baptist Church BBQ Fundraiser

Friday, August 5
 11am – 7pm
 \$10 per plate

Tickets on sale now through Sunday, July 24
 (See Derek and Cheri Lehnert for tickets)

Sponsored by Unity Men's Bible Study Group to support Sadler Elementary School

BBQ plates provided by Kyle Fletcher's Barbecue

NEW ADDRESS!!!

**Diane Feagan
 Morningside Assisted Living
 2755 Union Road, Room 209
 Gastonia, NC 28054**

May 2022 Financial Overview

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>May 1</u>	<u>May 8</u>	<u>May 15</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>May 29</u>
General Offering	\$3,596.00	\$3,058.00	\$3,477.48	\$1,189.00	\$2,772.39
Mother's Day Offering	\$35.00	\$175.00	\$15.00		

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budgeted Amount	\$17,659.87	\$88,299.35
Receipts	\$14,092.87	\$67,352.38
Expense	\$16,890.68	\$84,104.67

The deadline for the August newsletter is **July 14**

Thank you so much for giving!

