

No Time Like the Present

Let's review what we already know. The Bible is God's Word. According to Jesus, we cannot live without it. It is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. It endures forever, while the grass withers and the flowers fade. It is profitable for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training. Plus, many other facts about the Bible.

Let's also consider just how available God's Word is today. Most homes have a printed copy of at least the New Testament. We have hundreds of Bibles on our church campus. There are countless internet sites with Bibles in a ton of translations and languages. And there are Bible apps available for our smartphones and tablets.

Therefore, while the year is new, let's make fresh commitments to receive God's Word daily. I recommend a reading plan to keep you on track. **Here are some places to get started:** navigators.org/resource/bible-reading-plans, biblegateway.com/reading-plans, bibleproject.com/reading-plans. If you need some guidance, please contact me on my mobile at 336-552-8375. I would love to help you design a reading plan that works best for you. There's no better time to get started than today.

Making a difference,
Pastor Roger

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

- **Wednesday Evening**
(Spring Session, 2023: March 15 – May 17)
Men's Bible Study 6:00pm
Women's Bible Study 6:00pm

We have opened up our brand new Children's Worship Center, **Unity Kids!**

We are excited to have an engaging and interactive place for your children to have fun and learn about Jesus!

We are working hard on making positive changes not only for our church but also for our community. In the coming months, we will be implementing exciting and new ways of engaging with the people of West Gastonia. We hope that you will follow us on social media (Facebook and Instagram), stay up-to-date on upcoming events (ubcgastonia.org) and **COME GROW WITH US!**

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SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			Focus on Faith			
1 Worship 11:00am First Things First: Part 1, Heart	2 Office Closed for Holiday	3	4 Psalm 16:11	5	6	7
8 Worship 11:00am First Things First: Part 2, Soul (Deacon's Meeting)	9	10	11 Jeremiah 29:11	12	13	14
15 Worship 11:00am Guest Speaker	16	17	18 Isaiah 41:10	19	20	21
22 Worship 11:00am First Things First: Part 3, Mind (Sandy's Day!)	23	24	25 Ephesians 3:20-21	26	27	28
29 Worship 11:00am First Things First: Part 4, Strength (The Lord's Supper)	30	31 Sunshine Club 10:30am				

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The FUTURE

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

January Birthdays

- 4- Libby Mabry
- 5- Louise Hughey
- 6- Ralph Rhyne
- 15- Darlene Byam
David Farmer
Dennis Bradley
- 16- Cindy Bell
- 19- Maddie Lewis
- 20- Freida Bollinger
- 22- Brenda Miller
- 25- Kim Falls
- 26- Mary Bryant
- 27- Thomas Dixon
- 29- Delilah Merritt

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

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
SANDY RAILEY!!!**

THANK YOU FOR 8 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE
TO THE UNITY CHURCH FAMILY!!
SANDY CAME TO WORK FOR US JANUARY 19, 2015.
THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!
WE LOVE YOU!

We will be hosting an appreciation celebration on Sunday, Jan. 22 for Sandy's retirement as Unity's Financial Secretary. Refreshments will be served in the Church Welcome Center.

Deacon of the Week

- Jan 1- Mike Taylor
- Jan 8- Tyrone Bright
- Jan 15- Lemar Hardee
- Jan 22- CJ Jones
- Jan 29- Ted Scott

Parking Lot Patrol

- Jan 1- Derek Lehnert,
Bill Grant
- Jan 8- Gary Posey,
Jimmy Williams
- Jan 15- Tyrone Bright,
John Wilson
- Jan 22- David Cobb,
Robert Burch
- Jan 29- Mike Taylor,
Cliff Taylor

Beginner Crochet Class
Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023
3:30pm – 5:00pm
Unity Baptist Church

The class will be led by
Libby Mabry and
Donna Crawford

Class is planned for after school hours to include students and early enough for everyone to be home before dark.

A gift has been given in honor of the ladies in the Joy Life Group by Sue Scott.

A gift has been given in honor of the ladies of Unity by Freida Bollinger.

These gifts have been directed to the Lottie Moon Christmas Fund.

I thought that the church might like some feedback on how our contributions are doing over at Unity for Sadler!

I was there tutoring this morning (Dec. 8) and they were so excited about the check that came in from November! They are so thankful for the monies and just recently spent \$185 of the fund money for a Good Behavioral Student Party which they do quarterly! They are VERY appreciative and use the money exclusively to benefit the children!

Dick Ruhlman

**We wish everyone
a Blessed and
Happy New Year!**



2023 Gaston Gospel Homecoming- Celebrating 25 Years of Ministry
January 27, 2023- 7:00pm
First Assembly Gastonia
777 S Myrtle School Road
Gastonia, NC 28052

For Tickets visit:
heart2heartmin.com/events
For more information, call:
704.802.4634

November 2023 Financial Overview

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Nov 6</u>	<u>Nov 13</u>	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>Nov 27</u>
General Offering	\$3,540.00	\$3,859.96	\$3,981.00	\$5,076.08
Poinsettias	\$10.00	\$210.00	\$220.00	\$60.00
Unity for Sadler	\$50.00		\$50.00	
Lottie Moon				\$330.00

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budgeted Amount	\$17,659.87	\$194,258.57
Receipts	\$16,457.04	\$160,986.56
Expenses	\$17,913.97	\$180,537.97

The deadline for the February newsletter is **January 19**

**Thank you
so much
for giving!**

