

I wanted to share some thoughts with you about the New Year. It's a time for new beginnings; we can all use a fresh start right now. Let's focus on building a stronger and more connected community in our church. We may have faced some challenges, but we can overcome them by working together and staying committed to our shared goals.

We can re-examine our outreach programs. Are we doing enough to reach out to potential members and bring them into our community? We may try new ideas and approaches to connect with people and invite them to join us.

Another vital area is building stronger relationships among our current members. Let's organize fun events and activities that bring us closer together and foster community and belonging.

Finally, remember that we each have an essential role in building a stronger church community. Living out our faith and values daily can inspire others and create a culture of kindness and love. With a positive attitude and a willingness to work hard, there's no limit to what we can achieve.

I genuinely believe that this year can be the start of a new, brighter chapter for our church. So, let's roll up our sleeves and get to work! We have so much potential, and I can't wait to see what we can accomplish together.

Happy New Year to All!  
Cheri Lehnert

- **Sunday Mornings**  
Adult Life Groups      10:00 am  
Worship                    11:00 am  
Unity Kids                11:00 am
  - **Coming in 2024**
    - Men's and Women's Bible Studies (February – October)
    - Vacation Bible School (Spring, Summer, and Fall)
    - Fundraiser/Yard Sale (Late Spring)
    - Serve NC (August 3 - 10)
- As we begin a new year, we are working on bringing new activities to our church and our community.  
Come Grow with us!**

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| SUNDAY                                 | MON   | TUES                 | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
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|  | 1 <b>Happy New Year!</b><br>(Office closed) | 2<br>(Office closed) | 3   | 4     | 5   | 6   |
| 7 Worship 11:00 am<br>Deacon's Meeting | 8   | 9                    | 10  | 11    | 12  | 13  |
| 14 Worship 11:00 am                    | 15  | 16                   | 17  | 18    | 19  | 20  |
| 21 Worship 11:00 am                    | 22  | 23                   | 24  | 25    | 26  | 27  |
| 28 Worship 11:00 am                    | 29  | 30                   | 31  |       |     |     |
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January Birthdays

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

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

- Jan 7- Ted Scott
- Jan 14- Fred Spencer
- Jan 21- Cliff Taylor
- Jan 28- Mike Taylor

Parking Lot Patrol

- Jan 7- David Cobb, Robert Burch
- Jan 14- Cliff Taylor, Mike Taylor
- Jan 21- Derek Lehnert, Bill Grant
- Jan 28- Gary Posey, Jimmy Williams

Unity Baptist's resident  
Girl Scouts,  
Lilli and Delilah,  
are ready to sell some cookies  
for the 2024 Girl Scout  
Cookie Season.  
You can order  
from them beginning  
Tuesday, December 19.

Cookies will be in  
by Sunday, January 14.  
They will be selling through  
Sunday, March 3.

Thank you from  
Girl Scout Troop 10152

A gift has been given in  
honor of Patsy Davis by the  
Unity Baptist Sunshine Club.

The gift has been  
directed to the  
Lottie Moon Christmas Fund.

Our Men's and Women's Bible  
Studies usually begin in March,  
but this year we hope to begin  
them in February and  
continue them monthly  
through October.

As we move into the new year,  
we will have more insight and  
will share that information  
as soon as possible.

Events coming in Spring, 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.

November 2023 Financial Overview

| Contributions      | November 5 | November 12 | November 19 | November 26 |
|--------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| General Offering   | \$2,817.00 | \$2,864.48  | \$2,085.00  | \$4,049.00  |
| Poinsettia         | \$240.00   | \$110.00    |             | \$80.00     |
| Unity for Sadler   | \$50.00    |             |             |             |
| Pass-Through       | \$801.000  | \$99.00     |             |             |
| Miscellaneous      |            | \$250.00    |             | \$250.00    |
| Building & Grounds | \$1,050.00 | \$832.00    |             | \$150.00    |

| Budget          | Monthly     | Year to Date |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------|
| Budgeted Amount | \$14,490.84 | \$159,399.24 |
| Receipts        | \$15,931.84 | \$155,559.90 |
| Expenses        | \$14,465.83 | \$145,691.20 |

The deadline for  
the February  
newsletter is  
January 17

Thank you  
so much  
for giving!

