

The message of Easter holds the power of hope and renewal, embodied in the resurrection of Jesus. By embracing this message, we can profoundly transform our daily lives. Here are a few simple yet powerful ways to apply the message of Easter to our lives.

1. Believe in the power of transformation: Like Jesus, who transformed from death to life, we too can experience transformation. We can overcome negative habits and patterns by embracing new ways of thinking and being.
2. Practice forgiveness: Forgiveness is an essential message of Easter, and we can apply this message by practicing forgiveness in our own lives. We can find peace and healing by letting go of grudges and resentments and extending grace to those who have wronged us.
3. Embrace a spirit of service: Jesus modeled a life of service and sacrifice, and we can do the same by serving others in our community. By helping those in need, we can positively impact the world and find fulfillment in our own lives.
4. Live with hope: Easter is a message of hope, and we can carry this message with us every day. Living with hope and optimism, even in the face of adversity, can inspire others and create a more positive world.

The resurrection of Jesus is a powerful reminder that we hold the key to transforming our lives and the world. By embracing faith, forgiveness, service, and hope, we can create a brighter future for ourselves and those around us.

And he died for all so that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for the one who died for them and was raised.

2 Corinthians 5:15

	SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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	3 Worship 11:00 am <i>-Deacon's Meeting</i>	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10 Worship 11:00 am	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17 Worship 11:00 am	18	19	20	21	22	23 <i>VBS Volunteer Meeting, 2:00 pm</i>
	24 Worship 11:00 am <i>Palm Sunday</i>	25	26 <i>Sunshine Club, 10:30 am</i>	27	28 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	29	30 <i>Children's Easter Party, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm</i>
	31 Worship 11:00 am <i>HAPPY EASTER!</i>						

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

March Birthdays

- 2- Sharon Mills
- 3- Phil Duncan
Bryan Miller
- 7- Nancy Costner
- 14- Diane Gibson
- 17- Lucy Bradley
Dennis Lee
- 19- Donna Crawford
- 20- Jessica Burch
- 25- Jimmy West
- 27- Lisa McCurry
- 28- Tyrone Bright
Jacob Denton
- 30- Jeff Nichols

Our purpose is to embody love for God, love for others, and to serve them wholeheartedly while striving to grow deeper. Our calling is to inspire others to become devoted disciples of Christ. Our ultimate goal is to witness the people of West Gastonia encounter a positive transformation through the life-changing power of Jesus Christ.



Deacon of the Week

- Mar 3- Derek Lehnert
- Mar 10- Gary Posey
- Mar 17- Ted Scott
- Mar 24- Fred Spencer
- Mar 31- Cliff Taylor

Parking Lot Patrol

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

**It's That Time of the Year!
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions**

**This Year's Week of Prayer
March 3 – 10, 2024**

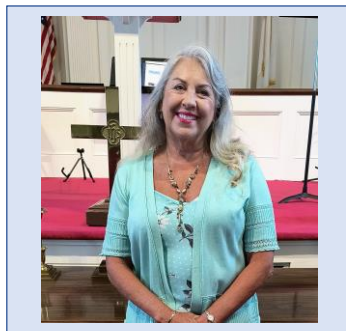
There are two ways to give:

- 1- Pick up an 'Annie Armstrong' envelope at the church and place your donation in the 'Giving' basket
OR
- 2- Give through Tithe.ly, choosing 'Annie Armstrong' on the drop-down menu
(Tithe.ly app or 'Giving' tab on our website, ubcgastonia.org)

Easter is Sunday, March 31

On Sunday, April 7th, we will be hosting a reception in the Family Life Center following the morning worship service to celebrate and honor Charlene High's retirement. We would be delighted if you could attend and show your support as she embarks on a new journey in her life. We hope to see everyone there!

Charlene, we already miss you!



Spring Forward!

2023 Daylight Saving's Time in North Carolina begins at 2:00am, Sunday, March 10. Set your clocks ahead one hour!

NEW MEMBERS AT UNITY!

We are pleased to announce that Kristy Sechrest and Joda Hamilton have joined the Unity Family as new members on Sunday, February 18. We would like to extend a warm welcome to both of them and look forward to working alongside them to make a positive impact in our community.

January 2024 Financial Overview

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>January 7</u>	<u>January 14</u>	<u>January 21</u>	<u>January 28</u>
General Offering	\$4,882.46	\$2,809.83	\$1,741.78	\$5,142.00
Miscellaneous				\$288.00
Children's Ministry		\$150.00		

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budgeted Amount	\$15,747.84	\$15,747.84
Receipts	\$14,742.32	\$14,742.32
Expenses	\$18,552.05	\$18,552.05

The deadline for the April newsletter is **March 20**

Thank you so much for giving!

