

As a church, we are highly confident in our ability to make a significant and positive impact in our community. We believe that by reaching out and serving those around us, we can demonstrate the love and compassion of Christ and make a real difference in their lives. Whether it's through volunteering, providing support to those in need, or simply being present and available, we know that our efforts can create a welcoming environment where everyone feels valued and loved. By building strong relationships and connecting with our community, we can inspire others to join us in our mission and create a ripple effect of kindness and positivity. We are determined to continue to reach out and serve our community with confidence, knowing that we have the power to make a significant impact in the lives of those around us.

We are thrilled to announce that this month, we are taking a new direction to connect with our community. On Wednesday, February 14, the first meeting of Girl Scout Troop 10152 will be held at Unity. We are grateful for the opportunity to host such a wonderful organization and wholeheartedly welcome the troop leaders, volunteers, and girls with open arms. By partnering with this Troop, Unity will be able to engage with young women in our community and invite them to join not only the Girl Scouts but also our church. We are confident that these young ladies will bring enthusiasm and positive energy to our church.

The possibilities for Unity are truly endless! Throughout the years, our church has made a significant impact, and there is still so much more we can do. Let's become the kind of church that the Myrtle School Community needs - one that welcomes everyone with open arms and radiates love and acceptance! Together, we can spread the love of Christ and make a real difference in the lives of those around us. Get ready to embark on an exciting journey of service and growth!

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SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 <i>Heck-Jones Offering begins</i>	2	3
4 Worship 11:00 am <i>-Deacon's Meeting</i>	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Worship 11:00 am <i>-Quarterly Conference -Final Day, Soup-er Bowl</i>	12	13	14 <i>Girl Scout Troop 10152 begins meeting at Unity</i>	15	16	17
18 Worship 11:00 am	19	20	21	22	23	24 <i>VBS Volunteer Meeting, 3:00 pm</i>
25 Worship 11:00 am <i>-Final Day, GGBA Baby/Toddler Shower</i>	26	27 <i>Sunshine Club, 10:30 am</i>	28	29		

## Focus on

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

**February Birthdays**

- 2- Scott Fox
- 3- George Brackett
- 7- Robert Burch
- 11- Jeffrey Hutchins
- 13- Lori Farmer
- 14- Joyce Short
- 17- Gene Troutman  
Sandy Railey
- 18- Harold Smith
- 22- David Cole
- 26- Edith Farmer
- 27- Timothy Medlin  
Pastor Tom Kinman

**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**

- Feb 4- Phil Ammons
- Feb 11- Tyrone Bright
- Feb 18- Lemar Hardee
- Feb 25- CJ Jones

**Parking Lot Patrol**

- Feb 4- Tyrone Bright,  
John Wilson
- Feb 11- David Cobb,  
Robert Burch
- Feb 18- Cliff Taylor,  
Mike Taylor
- Feb 25- Derek Lehnert,  
Bill Grant

**Throughout the month  
of February, we will be  
participating in the  
Heck-Jones 2024 Offering.**

**The week of prayer will be  
Monday, February 12 – Sunday, February 18.**

**Our goal for 2024 is  
\$500.00**

We will be collecting for the  
**WMU-GGBA 2024 Drive-Thru  
Baby/ Toddler Shower**  
through Sunday, February 25.

You can drop off  
**Unwrapped** gifts in the  
church Welcome Center.

- \*Infant to 4T clothing
- \* Diapers- sizes 4, 5, & 6
- \*Hygiene items
- \*Monetary donations and  
gift cards accepted

(Donations will be  
delivered to the  
GGBA on  
Sunday, February 25)

**SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY!**

**Now through  
Sunday, February 11  
we are collecting cans of  
Chicken noodle soup for  
Cancer Services of Gaston County.**

**We collected 147 cans last year...  
this year's goal is 200 cans.**

**Bring your donations to the church  
Welcome Center!**



**Events coming in Spring, 2024:**

VBS will be returning in the Spring,  
Saturday, April 6 and Sunday, April 7!  
We will be having a VBS Volunteer  
meeting on Saturday, February 24.  
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.  
Our tentative date will be  
Saturday, May 25.

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.

**December 2023 Financial Overview**

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>December 3</u>	<u>December 10</u>	<u>December 17</u>	<u>December 24</u>	<u>December 31</u>
General Offering	\$7,092.00	\$2,768.70	\$2,139.74	\$4,056.00	\$1,879.42
Lottie Moon	\$575.00	\$160.00	\$1,420.00	\$300.00	\$150.00
Unity for Sadler	\$50.00			\$50.00	
Miscellaneous			\$250.00		
Building & Grounds				\$250.00	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>			
Budgeted Amount	\$14,490.84	\$173,890.09			
Receipts	\$17,774.16	\$173,334.06			
Expenses	\$13,489.18	\$159,180.38			

The deadline for  
the **March**  
newsletter is  
**February 21**

**Thank you  
so much  
for giving!**

