As your Transitional Interim Pastor, it brings me great joy to serve you and share with you in God's ministry in this community. If you ever need any help or just someone to talk to, feel free to call me personally or contact the church office and our secretary, Cheri, will set up a time for us to chat.

Charlene, I want to thank you for your unwavering commitment to this church's worship and for being a pleasure to work with. We will all miss your ministry, and we wish you all the best in the next chapter of your life that God provides. Please make sure to express your love and gratitude to Charlene before her last Sunday at Unity, which is on April 7.

Easter is the foundation of our message - it's the hope, mission, and purpose that we share with others. The fact that Christ is risen is the reason for our encouragement in this ever-darkening world. So, let's be confident in Christ, and live joyfully for Him.

See you in church on Sunday!

Sadler Elementary would like to express our gratitude to Unity Baptist Church for their generous "Unity for Sadler" fund. This fund has made it possible for us to implement a behavioral program that provides rewards and incentives for children who struggle with behavioral issues. Without this fund, our program would not have been possible. The positive results we have seen so far have been encouraging for our staff. We appreciate your partnership with us and your generous contributions. May God bless you all!

Dick Ruhlman

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SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 Holiday- Office Closed	2	3	4	5	6
7 Worship 11:00 am - Charlene High Retirement Celebration	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Worship 11:00 am -Deacon's Meeting	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Worship 11:00 am	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Worship 11:00 am	29	30 Sunshine Club- 10:30 am, FLC				

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April Birthdays

- 3- Trent Bunting Sammy Gathings
 6- Patrick Denton
 7- Terry Schronce
 11- Joy Martin Glenda Rumney
 14- Matthew Grant
 16- Lilli Merritt
 19- Aleen Falls Terry Swayney
 20- Karen Rhyne Charlene Currence
- 25- Stephanie Splawn
- 28- Miles Merritt John Wilson
- 30- Danielle Black Heather Black

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 Apr 7 – Mike Taylor Apr 14- Phil Ammons Apr 21- Tyrone Bright Apr 28- Lamar Hardee

Parking Lot Patrol Apr 7- Gary Posey, Jimmy Williams Apr 14- Tyrone Bright, John Wilson Apr 21- David Cobb, Robert Burch Apr 28- Cliff Taylor, Mike Taylor





As we approach the time to bid farewell to Charlene High, the Pianist of Unity Baptist who has been gracing us with her beautiful talent for over 14 years, we understand that it's not easy to say goodbye. Charlene's music has been a great source of inspiration to countless individuals, and we are grateful for the memories she has created with us. We understand that Charlene's retirement is a significant change, and we want to

show our appreciation for her unwavering dedication by collecting a *Love Offering* through Sunday, April 7. Let's come together to express our love and gratitude to Charlene, and to support her in her future endeavors. NEW ADDRESS Ken & Sandy Railey 8905 Nottoway Ave NW Calabash, NC 28467

Looking Ahead To May

Annual Mother's Day NC Baptist Hospital Offering Sunday, May 5 – Saturday, May 11

The Annual Baby Bottle Blessings will begin on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12 (Bottles to be returned by Father's Day, Sunday, June 16)

The deadline for

the May

February 2024 Financial Overview

Contributions	February 4	February11	February 18	February 25	newsletter is April 21
General Offering	\$3,266.64	\$2,449.00	\$2,612.00	\$3,928.91	
Heck-Jones Offering		\$25.00	\$100.00		
Building & Grounds	\$125.00		\$650.00	\$195.00	
Unity for Sadler		\$50.00		\$50.00	Thank you
Baptist Children's			\$150.00		•
Audio/Visual				\$250.00	so much
					for giving!
<u>Budget</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	Year to	Date		
Budgeted Amount	\$15,747.84	\$31,495	.68		
Receipts	\$12,256.24	\$26,998	8.56		Live
Expenses	\$15,177.71	\$33,729	.76		ONLINF