

# The Conversation



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UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH—RICHMOND, KENTUCKY

APRIL, 2011



## EASTER AT UNITY

### **CHILDREN'S EGG HUNT**

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

9:30 AM

BREAKFAST WILL ALSO BE SERVED FOR THE CHILDREN.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**SERVICE OF**

**SILENT COMMUNION**

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

6:30 PM

### **SPECIAL EASTER MUSIC EACH SUNDAY DURING APRIL**

PRESENTED BY  
OUR CHOIR

### **PALM SUNDAY CHILDREN'S PROCESSIONAL SUNDAY, APRIL 17 DURING MORNING WORSHIP**

# From Our Pastor

Dr. D. L. Brewer

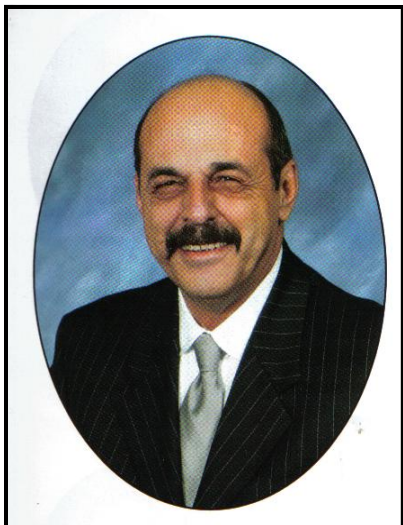
You have probably seen a picture hanging on the wall of my study. It is based on Luke 24:13-15 and I find myself being encouraged by looking at that picture daily and reflecting upon it's reminder of the true source of my strength each day,

Cleopas and another believer are going to Emmaus, "talking with each other about all these things that had happened" in Jesus' trial, death, and resurrection (Luke 24:14, NRSV). As they walk along, a man whom they do not recognize joins them. The stranger asks what they are talking about. Cleopas says in apparent amazement, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place?" In other words, "Don't you know what's been going on? Everyone in town is talking about what has happened!"

Cleopas and the other believer then recount the events of the preceding days. As they walk, the stranger begins explaining to them scripture verses about the Messiah from **"Moses and all the prophets --** from the beginning of the Hebrew Bible to its end. Finally, the first two travelers invite the stranger to join them in a meal. He agrees, and as the stranger blesses and breaks bread and offers it to them, Cleopas and his friend suddenly have their spiritual eyes opened. In one remarkable instant, they see in a new way the events they have just experienced and realize that the risen Christ has been walking with them.

This story is a model for what happens when we talk with others about the meaning of scripture and its ties to our life and experience. On the road to Emmaus, two companions are trying to find meaning. As they talk together, Christ joins in the conversation, talking about scripture, what they have seen and heard and felt, and the connections between them. This story reflects a deep spiritual truth: any time we seek deeper insight into our faith, Christ is present and becomes a participant in our conversations.

I pray that as you enter this season among seasons.... Remembering the victory it represents and the reality of eternal life.... You will allow Christ to join with you in your pilgrimage today and every day. What a difference it will make as you allow Him to reveal to you the purpose for every step of your walk of faith.

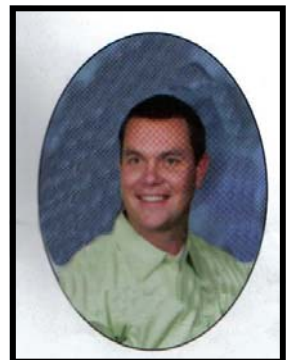


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church phone

## DEACONS FOR APRIL



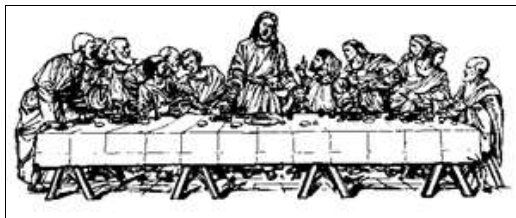
**TIM SIMPSON**



**CHARLES LONG**

**JOIN US FOR THE MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE OF SILENT COMMUNION**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21  
6:00 PM**



**A SERVICE YOU WILL LONG REMEMBER. YOUR GUESTS ARE WELCOME.**

### **DO YOU RECEIVE OUR PASTOR'S DAILY DEVOTIONAL?**

SHARE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS AND YOU WILL BE ADDED TO THE DAILY MAILING LIST TO RECEIVE DEVOTIONALS AND PRAYER CONCERN UPDATES AS WELL AS CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Christy Winkler
- 2 Janie Jordan
- 3 Misty Mullins
- 4 Lucille Brewer
- 5 Toby Slone
- 6 Benjamin Bugbee
- 6 Pam Costilow
- 7 Ronnie Gray
- 7 Michelle Garrett
- 8 Anna Lowery
- 8 Adam Yost
- 10 Steve Frazier
- 11 Laura McGhee
- 13 Randa Colley
- 15 Robert Buckley
- 15 Tammy Smith
- 15 Devette Hurst
- 16 Roger Whitaker
- 19 Holly Ann Chadwell
- 20 Dennis Roark
- 20 Donnie King
- 21 Sam Sowder
- 22 Sean Brewer
- 23 Shawn Campbell
- 24 Whitney Hendren
- 25 Sharon Snyder
- 30 Cindy Doolin
- 30 Courtney McCoy
- 30 Holly Long

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 John & Ann Puckett
- 26 Dave & Marilyn Walter
- 26 Rodger & Robin Mason

If you have additions or corrections to our Birthday and Anniversary listings, please share those with us by e-mail or by calling the church office.

INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS AND RELATIVES TO JOIN US FOR A MONTH LONG EASTER CELEBRATION AT UNITY. OUR PASTOR WILL SHARE MESSAGES EACH WEEK IN A SERIES,

### JOURNEY TO THE RESURRECTION

*Feel Out Of Shape?  
Join us For The  
Men's*

## SECOND SATURDAY FELLOWSHIP

**Ryan's Restaurant  
Saturday, April 9  
8:00 AM**



*We can guarantee it will make you feel better as you fellowship with others.*



**Choir Practice  
has resumed**

**Each Sunday  
7:00 PM**

*Join us as we prepare for  
the Easter Season at  
Unity*

**Dates of this years  
Vacation Bible  
School will be June  
26-30 from 6:00 PM  
until 8:30 PM  
Nightly.  
Kick-Off will be on  
Saturday, June 25th**



If you would like to assist with this years VBS Effort of the church, let us know. We have a place for your to serve. VBS Volunteer forms are available each Sunday and Wednesday.

# SERVING THIS MONTH

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS (PSALM 100:2A)

DATE	USHERS	AM NURSERY	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP	PM NURSERY	GREETERS
<b>APRIL 3</b>	Fred Dodd David Musick Andy Anderson Bill Barker K Gamble Jamie Moscrip	Judy Barker Lucille Brewer	Holly Long Lois Morgan	Janie Jordan	Mike & Sheila Brooks Dave & Melanie Musick
<b>APRIL 10</b>	Fred Dodd Sean Brewer Art Turner Vernon Lamb Charles Long Michael Brooks	Judy Dodd Linda Renfro	Tammy Simpson Carol Reeves	Peggy Weston	Geneva Doolin Art & Hazel Turner
<b>APRIL 17</b>	Fred Dodd David Snyder Tom Bugbee Duard Hamm Rodger Mason Tim Simpson	Kathy Robinson Stacy Taulbee	Lois Morgan Scarlett Whitaker	Lucille Brewer	K & Clayberta Gamble Sean & Shannon Brewer
<b>APRIL 24</b>	Fred Dodd David Musick Andy Anderson Bill Barker K Gamble Jamie Moscrip	Louise Ball Amanda Renfro	Sherri Wilson Jennifer Moscrip	Sherri Wilson	Jamie & Jennifer Moscrip Andy & Juanita Anderson
<b>May 1</b>	Fred Dodd Sean Brewer Art Turner Vernon Lamb Charles Long Michael Brooks	Judy Barker Sheila Brooks	Holly Long Lois Morgan	Janie Jordan	Rodger & Robin Mason Fred & Judy Dodd

IN THE EVENT YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE ON THE SUNDAY WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED, PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO RESCHEDULE WITH OTHERS WHO ARE ON THE LIST. IN THE EVENT YOU ARE NOT SUCCESSFUL, CONTACT SHERRI WILSON FOR A REPLACEMENT.

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS AND THE ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING®

**DURING APRIL**



FOR UP TO DATE ITEMS OF INTEREST,  
VISIT OUR CHURCH WEB SITE  
**WWW.UNITYBAPTIST.ORG**



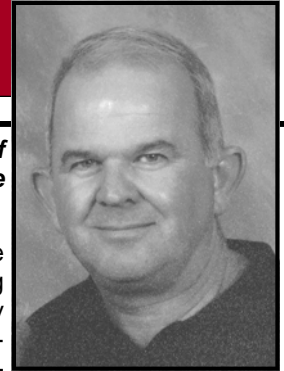
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**UNITY BAPTIST YOUNG MARRIED CLASS**  
**UNITY BAPTIST COLLEGE AND CAREER**

*We Have A Place For You!*

# Youth Notes

JOHN SMOOT, YOUTH MINISTER



***"When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home." If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us". [Acts 16:11-15]***

We finished my second opportunity to experience the Madison county Youth Connect Event, the week of March 14. I will tell you that it was very encouraging to see about 450 youth attending each night with probably 500 the last night. I will also tell you that it was encouraging to see many youth make decisions, going to the altar to pray for friends, family and themselves. We had between 12 and 17 youth attend each night, some of these visitors. Our youth have been very cognizant about inviting young people to church and events. The theme for the week was "Follow Me". The first night our youth were presented with a message from Matthew, 19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." 20 At once they left their nets and followed him. Additionally during the week they were presented with messages relating to grace and the realization of the grace He provides that we do not deserve. The last night a message was presented that had really been on my heart since the second night, the reality of how we as Christians respond to these "events" We often see people make commitments or rededications on mission trips, revivals and events such as these but what happens after the event is over?? The point that the message and I stressed to our youth, and us adults need to listen to, is the fact that a relationship with Christ is not an event or something that just comes in an emotional setting, it's a lifestyle, and God expects us to grow closer to Him every day, not just during these so called events. Don't get me wrong, I am excited that we have these types of events, it surely helps me get revived, but what do we do with it afterwards, do we continue the momentum or just let it die off? I ask you to pray for our young people. They are so challenged today, I bet you get tired of hearing it but they are. Between technology and the morals of our society today our kids our getting bombarded with distractions. Sure we were attacked on a daily basis as young people too, but it's so much more pronounced today.

Our recent Bible study material has been focused on our responsibilities as citizens of this world and as citizens of heaven. We can be accepted or opposed as citizens in our country depending on how we respond, do we pay taxes, show good moral character or do we murder and commit crimes? Obviously we are not accepted well if we commit the mentioned sins. We have to also realize that as Christians we will be faced with both acceptance and opposition. History has indicated this in many ways. Paul himself is seen as being persecuted in Acts. "22 The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten. 23 After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully". While Christians that live in this country today may not be persecuted in the physical way that Paul and Silas were, we still suffer in many ways, rather it be ridicule, rejection or some other means. We have to be prepared for this and realize that we as Christians should be prepared to stand for our faith, the truth and our God!

Coming soon, a few major activities:

**April 8** – Friday – A trip to the Creation Museum. \$25.00 per person.

**April 23 or 30** – Rent a Youth for your spring cleaning etc.

**May 22** – Sunday after morning worship – Youth Sponsored Fellowship Meal and Dessert Auction.

God is doing wonderful things at Unity; please continue to pray for our church and ministries. Thank you all for your wonderful support to me personally and more importantly the support to our youth as they grow in their relationship with our Lord and Savior.

Oh and don't forget to use those Kroger cards.

Blessings!

John

*We Love Our Youth*

Join Us Each  
Wednesday Night at 6:30 PM

We have something for every member of the family





**DEACONS  
FOR THE  
MONTH**

# APRIL

**THE UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH—RICHMOND, KY**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>EACH SUNDAY</b> 9:00 AM—Coffee & Donuts 9:30 AM—Sunday School 10:00 AM—Radio Broadcast—WCBR 10:45 AM—Morning Worship 6:00 PM—Evening Worship						
3 Communion Observed—AM Church Council 5:00 PM	4	5	6 Midweek Programs 6:30 PM	7	8 Youth Trip To Creation Museum	9 Men's Second Saturday Breakfast @ 8 AM
10	11	12	13 Midweek Programs 6:30 PM	14	15	16
17 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> SS Workers Meet Deacons & WMU Meet @ 5:00 PM	18	19	20 Midweek Programs Monthly Business Meeting @ 6:30 PM	21 <b>Maundy Thursday</b> <b>Silent Communion</b> 6:00 PM	22	23
<b>COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK SERVICES—FIRST BAPTIST, COLLINS &amp; FRANCIS STREET—12:00 NOON DAILY</b>						
24 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Children's Egg Hunt Deacons & WMU Meet @ 5:00 PM	25	26	27 Midweek Programs 6:30 PM	28	29	30

# Parcel's Page

IN LOVING MEMORY OF UNITY'S,  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR, PARCEL FLANNERY



## It's A Miracle

This particular story just made me laugh. Every time I think about it, the vision of that poor cat just amuses me to no end. Hope the story leaves a bright spot in your day. Whoever said the Creator doesn't have a sense of humor?



Dwight Nelson recently told a true story about the pastor of his church. He had a kitten that climbed up a tree in his backyard and then was afraid to come down. The pastor coaxed, offered warm milk, etc.

The kitty would not come down. The tree was not sturdy enough to climb, so the pastor decided that if he tied a rope to his car and pulled it until the tree bent down, he could then reach up and get the kitten.

That's what he did, all the while checking his progress in the car. He then figured if he went just a little bit further, the tree would be bent sufficiently for him to reach the kitten. But as he moved the car a little further forward, the rope broke.

The tree went 'boing!' and the kitten instantly sailed through the air - out of sight.

The pastor felt terrible. He walked all over the neighborhood asking people if they'd seen a little kitten. No. Nobody had seen a stray kitten. So he prayed, 'Lord, I just commit this kitten to your keeping,' and went on about his business.

A few days later he was at the grocery store, and met one of his church members. He happened to look into her shopping cart and was amazed to see cat food. This woman was a cat hater and everyone knew it, so he asked her, 'Why are you buying cat food when you hate cats so much?'



She replied, 'You won't believe this,' and then told him how her little girl had been begging her for a cat, but she kept refusing. Then a few days before, the child had begged again, so the Mom finally told her little girl, 'Well, if God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it.' She told the pastor, 'I

watched my child go out in the yard, get on her knees, and ask God for a cat. And really, Pastor, you won't believe this, but I saw it with my own eyes. A kitten suddenly came flying out of the blue sky, with its paws outspread, and landed right in front of her.'

Never underestimate the Power of God and His unique sense of humor.

*Anyone can count the seeds in an apple; but only God can count the apples in a seed.*

-Submitted by Betty Gabbard-

## Southern Baptist at the Race Track

Did you hear about the about the Southern Baptist who was in the habit of sneaking to the race track to bet on the horses?

One day he was losing badly when he saw a priest step onto the track, walk up to line-up and bless one of the horses on the forehead. The horse was a long shot, but the Southern Baptist thought, "With the priest's blessing, surely this horse will win." He placed a small bet and, sure enough, the horse came in first.

At the next race, the priest stepped onto the track and blessed another horse's forehead. Even though this horse was also a long shot, the Southern Baptist was a little bolder this time and placed a larger bet on that horse. Again, it won.

A third time, the priest stepped onto the track and blessed a horse on the forehead. Like the others, this horse was also a long shot. The Southern Baptist placed an even larger bet this time and, sure enough the horse won.

This pattern continued throughout the day with the priest blessing the forehead of a long shot horse, the Southern Baptist placing larger and larger bets and the horse always winning.

At the last race of the day, the Southern Baptist thought, "I have got to go for broke here." With great anticipation, he watched as the priest stepped onto the field one more time, walked up to the line-up and blessed the forehead, eyes, ears and hooves of one of the horses. The Southern Baptist ran to the ticket counter and bet all he had on that horse.

The horse came in dead last!

As he was walking out, he saw the priest. Walking up to him, he demanded, "What happened? All day long you blessed horses and they won, even though they were long shots. Then at the last race you blessed a horse, I bet everything and the horse lost."



"That's the problem with you Protestants," said the priest. "You can't tell the difference between a simple blessing and the Last Rites."

**If you have items to submit of Parcel's Page share them by e-mailing them to our Pastor [dennislbrewer@bellsouth.net](mailto:dennislbrewer@bellsouth.net)**

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Sam Sowder, Associate Pastor  
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John Smoot, Minister to Youth  
Sherri Wilson, Children's Ministry  
Becky Bryant, Secretary  
Tim Bryant, Custodian  
Laura McGhee, Financial Secretary  
Charles Long, Chair of Deacons  
Roger Mason, Chair of Trustees  
Fred Dodd, Chair of Ushers  
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Debra Vescio, Treasurer  
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Peggy Weston, Media Center Director  
Rhojalia Rhodus, Sunday School Director  
Melanie Musick, WMU Director  
Tom Bugbee, TeamKid Director  
Sherri Wilson, Children's Ministry Director  
Janie Jordan, College & Career Director

**ACTIVE DEACONS**

Charles Long, Chair	Larry Morgan
Bill Grigsby	Tim Simpson
Art Turner	Wesley Frazier
Glen Renfro	Fred Dodd

**COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

**EACH DAY**

**12:00 NOON**

**APRIL 18-22**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

*FRANCIS AND COLLINS STREET*

*MESSAGES BY LOCAL PASTORS*

LUNCH SERVED FOLLOWING SERVICES

SPONSORED BY THE RICHMOND AREA  
MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION



**CHILDREN'S EGG  
HUNT**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

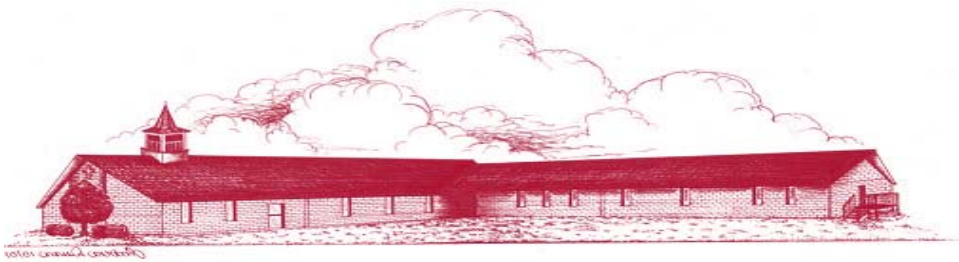
**APRIL 24TH**

**9:30 AM**



*HUNTS FOR PRESCHOOL AND  
CHILDREN*

**REFRESHMENTS AND LIGHT BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED.  
PLAN TO JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE  
ANCIENT SYMBOL FOR THE SEARCH FOR**



**The Unity Baptist Church**  
1290 Barnes Mill Road  
Richmond, Kentucky 40475

An advertisement for Unity Baptist Church. At the top, it says "UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH" with a small logo of a church building. Below that, it says "A place for You" in a cursive font. Then, it lists the address "1290 Barnsmill rd. Richmond, Kentucky" and the phone number "1-859-624-9464". There is a portrait of Dr. Dennis Brewer, the pastor. At the bottom, it says "WCBR RADIO BROADCAST Sunday's at 10 am".

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