

The Conversation



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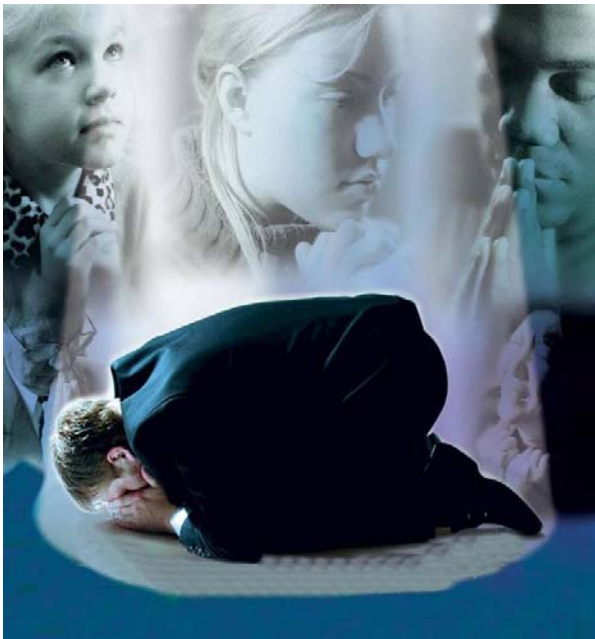
UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH—RICHMOND, KENTUCKY

JANUARY, 2012

2012 A YEAR OF DESTINY

“EXPECTING GREAT THINGS FROM GOD.....

ACCOMPLISHING GREAT THINGS FOR GOD



*JOIN WITH OUR PASTOR FOR
FOUR NIGHTS OF PRAYER*

JANUARY 22-25

6:30 PM—SUNDAY JANUARY 22

6:00 PM—MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23-25

BAPTIST MEN'S DAY
SUNDAY JANUARY 22

*THE MEN OF OUR CHURCH WILL LEAD US IN WORSHIP
DURING THE MORNING WORSHIP HOUR. PHIL BRASHEAR
WILL SHARE THE MORNING MESSAGE AND THERE WILL
BE SPECIAL MUSIC FROM THE MEN OF OUR CHURCH.*

UNITY
BAPTIST CHURCH

WHATEVER IT TAKES FOR JESUS: COL. 1:18

PROCLAIMING God's Word!



From Our Pastor

Dr. D. L. Brewer

If you are like me, you must find it difficult to imagine that another year has passed so quickly and that a New Year is now upon us. Whenever you think of the word NEW, what do you picture..... A new house, car, clothes or perhaps piece of furniture?

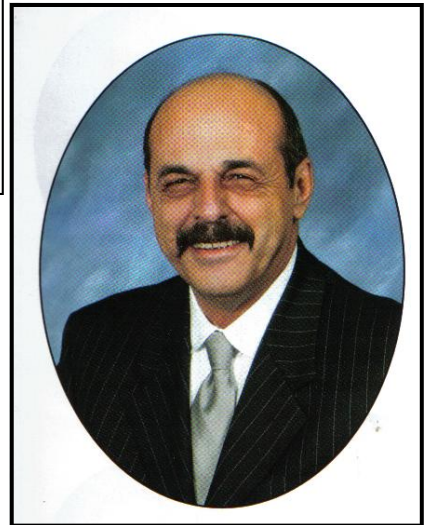
Christmas, which we have just celebrated, is a portrait of God's gift of new life and just as God, veiled in human flesh, appeared among men in the form of a new life of a baby boy, so did He bring the good tidings of joy that eternal life is within the grasp of all mankind. When that happens, and Jesus is enthroned within the manger of our heart, the true work of Christmas begins, as it is shared in the words of the following poem.

The Work of Christmas Begins

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
Then the work of Christmas begins...
To find the lost, to heal the broken
To feed the hungry, to release the prisoner
To rebuild the nations, to bring peace among people
To make music in the heart.

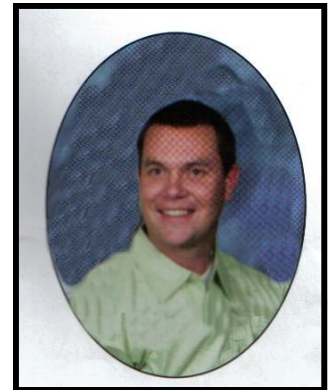
I want to also encourage you to join us each night, January Join Us Nightly For Our **Four Nights Of Prayer** January 22-25 for our Four Nights Of Prayer... Each night we will be praying for [Sunday] *PRAYER FOR PERSONAL CLEANSING*; [MONDAY] *PRAYER FOR FAMILY*; [TUESDAY] *PRAYER FOR COMMUNITY AND NATIONAL REVIVAL*; and finally, on [Wednesday Night] , *PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH*.

As always, always feel free to call on me if there is a need. It is never an imposition and we count it all joy to be able to minister to you.



Pastor Dennis Brewer
582-2495
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Church Phone

DEACONS FOR JANUARY



Charles Long



Tim Simpson



Join Us For
**A SERVICE OF
COMMUNION**
Sunday, January 1, 2012
During Morning Worship

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Peggy Abney
- 3 Marie Holsinger
- 3 Chase Robinson
- 4 Joshua Fowler
- 5 Judy Frazier
- 5 Monique Turner
- 8 Herman Abney
- 8 Dan Cox
- 8 Melissa Miller
- 9 Dennis Brewer
- 9 Shannon Brewer
- 9 Lisa Lowery
- 10 Joseph Holsinger
- 10 Marilyn Walter
- 11 Judy Clark
- 11 Ramona Hendren
- 12 Bryttani Murphy
- 13 Misty Marcum
- 17 Rhojalia Rhodus
- 18 Danielle Jarvis
- 25 Deanna Scott
- 26 Lori Price
- 28 Billie Nilsson
- 29 Amanda Renfro
- 31 Ashley Garrett
- 31 Kerrie VanWinkle

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 James & Joan Caudill
- 31 Ed & Clayberta Gamble

If we do not have a correct record of your Anniversary or Birthday or, if a birthday should be added to our list, please let us know by speaking with the Pastor or by e-mailing him at

dennislbrewer@bellsouth.net

DID YOU KNOW?

Over 10,000 people read our Pastor's Daily E-Mail Devotional each weekday. If you would like to be added to the list for receiving this daily word of encouragement, e-mail the Pastor and you will be added.

We also have a few remaining copies of the Fall Lifeway Sunday School Quarterly featuring "It's A Miracle" written by our Pastor. Just as for a copy in the Church Office. One Million Copies of the lessons were distributed to SBC Churches nationwide.

Don't be tempted to miss The Men's

SECOND SATURDAY FELLOWSHIP

**Ryan's Restaurant
Saturday, January 14
8:00 AM**



And bring a friend along with you.....

PEN DROP PROJECT

What's a Pen Drop?

Imagine being a server in a restaurant, having a bad day. You're stressed by the demands of your customers and have just about reached the end of your patience and your hope. You don't know how to deal with your problems and have nowhere to turn. Then, on one of your tables, you find something clipped to your tip. It's a blue pen with a message: "**God Loves You and So Do We – Unity Baptist Church.**" Think about the impact that simple message might have, and what God might do with that message. That's the Pen Drop Project. We leave these pens with (not instead of) our tips, and let God do the rest.



How's our progress?

We've gone through a thousand pens. It's not certain that all these pens have found their way to restaurant servers and other targets, but we are sure that a lot of them have gone where we wanted them to go. More importantly, we know that a lot of them have gone where God wanted them to go. We also know that God promised us that His word would not return void – that it would always accomplish His purpose.

What next?

It's time to order more pens and for each of us to carefully consider supporting this project. Let's get this message out to everyone we can reach – God loves everyone, and Unity Baptist Church wants to share that love.



**Join Us For The
Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing
Sunday, January 29
Pot-Luck Meal at 5:00 PM
Hymn Sing at 6:00 PM**

If you would like to be part of the program and add your voice to the time of praise let Mark Williams know as soon as possible.

JANUARY

FOLLOWING
JESUS
ONE STEP
AT A TIME



DEACONS
FOR THE
MONTH



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Church Council Meets 5:00 PM Communion Observed	2	3	4 Midweek Programs 6:30 PM	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Midweek Programs 6:30 PM	12	13	14 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM
15	16	17	18 Midweek Programs Monthly Business Meeting 6:30 PM	19	20	21
Youth Ski Trip—Return on 16th		FOUR NIGHTS OF PRAYER		Youth Ski Trip—Return on 16th		
22 Deacons Meet WMU Meets 5:00 PM BAPTIST MEN'S DAY	23	24	25 Midweek Programs 6:30 PM	26	27	28
29 Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing 6:00 PM Pot-Luck @ 5 PM	30	31	EACH SUNDAY 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			



SERVING THIS MONTH

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



DATE	USHERS	AM NURSERY	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP	PM NURSERY	GREETERS
JANUARY 1	Fred Dodd Sean Brewer Art Turner Vernon Lamb Charles Long Michael Brooks	Judy Barker Sheila Brooks	Holly Long Lois Morgan	Janie Jordan	K & Clayberta Gamble Sean & Shannon Brewer
JANUARY 8	Fred Dodd David Snyder Tom Bugbee Duard Hamm Rodger Mason Lamont Leary	Judy Dodd Linda Renfro	Tammy Simpson Carol Reeves	Peggy Weston	Rodger & Robin Mason Clarenetta Watters Clara Mieres
JANUARY 15	Fred Dodd David Musick Andy Anderson Bill Barker K Gamble Jamie Moscrip	Kathy Robinson Stacy Taulbee	Lois Morgan Scarlett Whitaker	Lucille Brewer	Andy & Juanita Anderson Jamie & Jennifer Moscrip
JANUARY 22	Fred Dodd Sean Brewer Art Turner Vernon Lamb Charles Long Michael Brooks	Louise Ball Amanda Renfro	Sherri Wilson Jennifer Moscrip	Sherri Wilson	Dell Robbins Lamont Leary Ima Dale Lowery
JANUARY 29	Fred Dodd David Snyder Tom Bugbee Duard Hamm Rodger Mason Lamont Leary	Judy Barker Sheila Brooks	Holly Long Lois Morgan	Janie Jordan	Geneva Doolin Art & Hazel Turner Cora Willoughby

ODDS AND ENDS



The Adopted Budget

Copies of the Adopted Budget of the Church for the 2011 Calendar Year will be located on the Bulletin Table in the Foyer following approval by the church in business meeting.

Giving Statements

Giving statements will be mailed during January and if you have Questions, please contact the church office or our Financial Secretary
Laura McGhee



SERVICE CANCELLATION NOTICES



In the event inclement weather might require the cancellation of services, it is the adopted policy of the church that the decision to cancel will be made by two of the following: Chair of Deacons, Chair of Trustees and Pastor.

The announcement of cancellation will be carried on **WKYT-TV** as well as other TV stations. It will generally appear on the named station at the earliest time.

Deacons will also contact families on their ministry list.

If there is doubt, please feel free to call the Pastor at 582-2495

Youth Notes

JOHN SMOOT, YOUTH MINISTER



¹² *Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. (1 Timothy 4:12)*

2011 is history, we are preparing for another wonderful year of enjoying the blessings that God provides. So many times people will ask "How you doing", many times this is just done out of courtesy and they don't even wait for a response. My favorite response is that "I'm Blessed", which sometimes catches people off guard but some, will respond with, "so am I". I sincerely feel my response as we all should. We are all blessed way beyond what we deserve. Yes, there are struggles in everyone's lives whether it is financial stress, relationship stress or countless other stresses. But, we should remember how many blessings He pours out upon us, with Him all things are possible and He will help us through all the most trying times. And now, He gives us a new year to continue to enjoy those blessings as we grow in Him.

Our youth are not that really much different than us, they are dealing with stresses in life much as we do, they are challenged with the same temptations that we grew up with and are dealing with today. One difference is the magnification and availability of many of these temptations, through technology and the reduced morals of our nation.

We recently discussed the Temptation of Jesus found in Luke 4:1-13. We talk a lot about the temptations our youth struggle with in this world but I am really focusing on getting back to basics lately. I want them to understand that all Christians must face Satan's temptations, just as Jesus did, and we must be prepared to face these temptations. We cannot do it alone; we need to embrace the filling and power of the Holy Spirit within us to defeat the things with which we are challenged. Satan does not play fair; he will attack us at our weakest times and attack us in the same areas that he attacked Jesus, with physical material and prideful temptations. With Him we can face these challenges, without Him we are at a loss.

We have been studying social issues the last few weeks during our Bible Study hour and have looked at the broad issue of being "Difference Makers". We have discussed issues beginning with social ills and why we should care about social issues and the reality that we are here to make a difference, we are responsible for helping others in ways of service and even to the point of helping them understand the reality of God's design for marriage and the issues of racial lines. His word encourages service and makes it clear that we honor God when we provide service to others, Proverbs 14:31, states, ***He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.*** Very early in Genesis He identifies His design for marriage and its one woman, one man, Genesis 2:22-24, ²² ***Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.*** ²³ ***The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."*** ²⁴ ***That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.*** Lastly, He makes it

clear that we are all created from one man and are to love one another, Galatians 5:13-19, ¹³ ***You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."*** ¹⁵ ***if you bite and devour each other watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.*** We are all created in the image of God and should not let our own social discomforts keep us from realizing that.

During December we enjoyed our third Christmas together as we celebrated with our third annual youth Christmas dinner, gift exchanges and lock-in. They must have worked hard in school the Friday of the lock-in because we had many crash much earlier than most lock-in nights. I believe we had fourteen youth at this year's event and I can tell you that none of them stayed awake all night. The only one still awake at 7 Am was yours truly. I must be getting older though because I don't recover from these as fast as I used to.

With your help we have been busy with the nursing home ministry. Thanks to Sherry, Sally and the parents of our young children, we were able to take the Children's Christmas program to the nursing home; you should have seen the faces and smiles from the residents in attendance. Additionally, thanks to your support we were able to provide 18 residents with gifts that they would not have received without your generous donations. The residents we provided gifts for were long term residents and many of them have no family visit or any family that would have provided for them. Thank you for supporting this important ministry.

One way that you can help in fundraising without even giving money is to use the Kroger cards that we have available, if you have one, please continue to use it, usage has fallen off dramatically but we generally receive a \$200 check from Kroger's about every three months and that helps. If you don't have one and want one please talk to me. Also, Debbie Vescio has organized with Meijer the use of a Meijer card, this card is different than the Kroger card as you do not have to load it then use it, you just present it when you pay at Meijer's and the youth will receive a small percentage. Please utilize each of these to help support your youth.

Ski Trip – MLK Weekend – Jan 13 – 16, 2012 – Winterplace West Virginia

We are going to begin having weekly or bi-weekly game/movie nights very soon. Kim and I want to find additional ways to have our youth fellowship with one another as well as to invite other non-churched youth. These types of gatherings may be an opportunity to reach out to some of the youth we are not making contact with.

God is doing great things in each of our youth's lives. I ask that you continue to pray for their continued growth in the Lord. These young people are growing up in a very challenging time and they are our future.

Blessings!

John

We Love our Youth!

Parcel's Page

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



Good Samaritan

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan, in which a man was beaten, robbed and left for dead.

She described the situation in vivid detail so her students would catch the drama. Then she asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?"

A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up!"

Come in Or Stay Out



An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, "How do you expect to get into Heaven?"

The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll just run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, 'For Heaven's sake, Jimmy, come in or

stay out!'"

It Works!

Three pastors were having lunch in a diner.

One said "You know, since summer started I've been having trouble with bats in my loft and attic at church. I've tried everything -- noise, spray, cats -- nothing seems to scare them away."



Another said "Me too. I've got hundreds living in my belfry and in the narthex attic. I've even had the place fumigated, and they won't go away."

The third said, "I baptized all mine, and made them members of the church. Haven't seen one back since!"

Share your favorite jokes for Parcel's Page by sending them to our pastor at dennislbrewer@bellsouth.net



UNIFIRES

Senior Adult Ministry
Phil & Linda Brashear, Directors



Are you a senior adult who feels the need to be a part of a loving, active group of Christians in your age bracket? Do you know a senior adult who has this kind of need? If so, consider the **UniFires**, Unity's Senior Adults group. We offer that love and support in an environment of social activities.

In the last few months, we've enjoyed a catered dinner at church, toured the Red River Gorge with a fine buffet meal at Natural Bridge State Park, ridden a train down into the headwater gorge of the Big South Fork of the Cumberland River after lunch at a true home-cooking restaurant, and enjoyed a family-style dinner and Gold City Quartet concert at Renfro Valley. (Do you notice that common theme of food? We are Baptists, after all.)

In the next few months, we're planning a buffet dinner at Michael's Restaurant in Irvine/Ravenna, a pot-luck dinner and UK basketball (on TV) at church. Suggestions for other activities are welcome -- just contact Phil or Linda Brashear.

All told, we've probably involved a total of 40 seniors and some of their younger companions. Our purpose is to serve the senior adult community, including Unity members and attendees, members and attendees of other churches and the unchurched. All people who are 65 or older are welcome, and if someone in that group has a frequent companion who is under 65 (or doesn't want to admit being 65), they're absolutely welcome to come along.

God bless you!
Phil and Linda Brashear

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Dr. D. L. Brewer, Pastor
 Marion Turley, Senior Associate Pastor
 Sam Sowder, Associate Pastor
 Mark Williams, Minister of Music
 Sherri Wilson, Children's Ministry Director
 John Smoot, Minister to Youth
 Sherri Wilson, Children's Ministry
 Phil & Linda Brashear, Sr. Adult Ministry
 Becky Bryant, Secretary
 Tim Bryant, Custodian
 Laura McGhee, Financial Secretary
 Charles Long, Chair of Deacons
 Fred Dodd, Chair of Ushers
 Tammy Simpson, Clerk
 Debra Vescio, Treasurer
 Rhojalia Rhodus, Sound Room
 Peggy Weston, Media Center Director
 Rhojalia Rhodus, Sunday School Director
 Melanie Musick, WMU Director
 Tom Bugbee, TeamKid Director
 Janie Jordan, College & Career Director

ACTIVE DEACONS

Charles Long, Chair

Larry Morgan	Rodger Mason
Bill Grigsby	Tim Simpson
Art Turner	Wesley Frazier

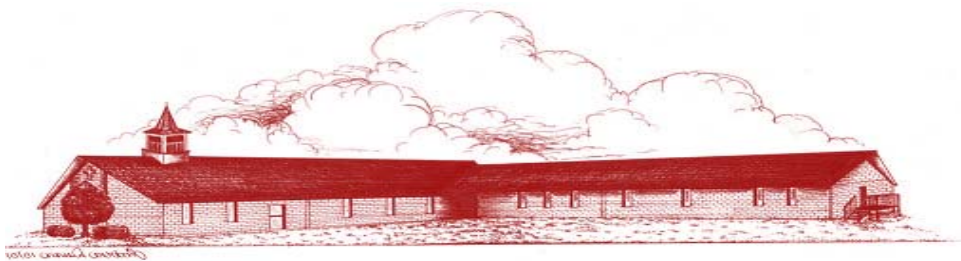
INVITE A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR TO WORSHIP WITH YOU THIS AND EVERY SUNDAY.....



**WANT TO KNOW A SECRET?
 THEN MAKE PLANS TO VISIT THE BETTY JAMES GRIGSBY MEDIA CENTER FOR BOOKS AND VIDEOS.**

THE CENTER ALSO HAS PRINTED COPIES OF MANY OF THE MESSAGES DELIVERED BY OUR PASTOR AND THEY ALSO HAVE SERMONS BY THE PASTOR ON CD. THE MEDIA CENTER IS OPEN EACH SUNDAY BEFORE MORNING WORSHIP HOUR.
FOR OTHER HOURS, SPEAK WITH PEGGY WESTON OR JUDY DODD

DURING JANUARY OUR PASTOR WILL CONTINUE WITH A SERIES OF SERMONS FROM THE BOOK OF GALATIANS.... JOIN US EACH WEEK IN WORSHIP



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