

THE CONVERSATION



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UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH—RICHMOND, KENTUCKY

NOVEMBER, 2011



GET READY TO BRIGHTEN THE CHRISTMAS OF A CHILD AND SHARE GOD'S LOVE

If it's Christmas at Cracker Barrel it must be time for Operation Christmas Child. We'll kick off some activities next month as we build our way to Dedication Sunday on Sunday, November 20.

One thing new this year though: We ARE GOOD on pre-printed shoe boxes so we don't need to ask for them from bookstores this year.

If you need additional information visit our web site or speak with Tim Simpson who leads this opportunity to touch for eternity the life of a child for Christ. You can also visit our church web site for information on packing your shoe boxes.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
SET YOUR CLOCKS
BACK ONE HOUR ON THE NIGHT OF
NOVEMBER 5.... WE DON'T WANT YOU TO
MISS OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP SERVICES**

Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children

137 years of excellent care for kids in crisis

www.kbhc.org

- Residential Treatment
- Foster Care
- Pregnancy & Adoption
- Counseling
- Youth Support Center

Kentucky Baptist Homes For Children Thanksgiving Offering

Our Church Goal

\$ 1,500

Offering envelopes will be available each week during November..... If you are in need of additional information, please contact the church office.....

From Our Pastor

Dr. D. L. Brewer

For centuries, people in many countries have held harvest festivals to celebrate the bounty of the land and the blessings of life. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln established a national holiday in the United States as "a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father."

Washington Post columnist Richard Cohen thinks that most holidays have been corrupted by commercialism, while Thanksgiving Day has retained its intended purpose. He said, "This is a very rare day. It is wholly and entirely about gratitude."

No matter what others do, we as followers of Christ have the privilege and responsibility to extend the spirit of thankfulness to every day of the year. Paul urged the Colossians to keep growing in Christ while overflowing with thankfulness (Col. 2:6-7). We are to do everything "in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (3:17).

Abraham Lincoln's proclamation also declared that all our blessings "are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy."

God's mercy is indeed a cause to be thankful. So often we focus upon our problems and our failures.... Our wants and our dreams that we neglect being thankful for the simplest of blessings. Take some time this Thanksgiving season to pause and make a list of all that you are thankful for.... Even the blessings we often take for granted and I am certain you will discover something of the depth of God's love and care for you and your family.

I also want to encourage you to join us in worship each week at Unity.... Worship is a time of fellowship but worship is also a gift which we offer to God as an expression of our thankfulness for His blessings upon us. Bring your gift of worship each Sunday during November and discover what a difference it makes In every other day of the week.

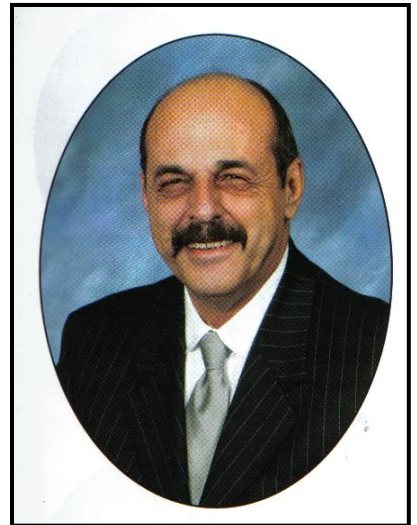
THANK YOU

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE AND APPRECIATION. YOUR CARDS, CALLS, WORDS AND GIFTS ARE APPRECIATED. WE CONSIDER OURSELVES TO BE, OF ALL PEOPLE, MOST BLESSED TO SERVE SUCH A LOVING AND CARING FAMILY OF BELIEVERS.

DENNIS & LUCILLE BREWER

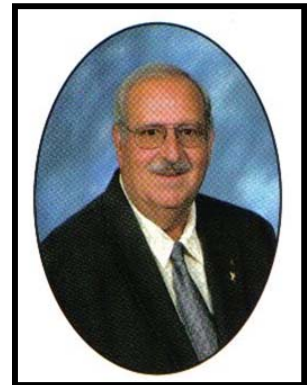
JOIN IN THE STUDY

WHAT DID YOU EXPECT? *REDEEMING THE REALITIES OF MARRIAGE.*
EACH SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:30 AM
COUPLES COMMITTED TO CHRIST CLASS
TIM SIMPSON, FACILLITATOR



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DEACONS FOR NOVEMBER



W3SLEY FRAZIER



FRED DODD

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Carolyn Basham
- 1 Lana Estep Reister
- 2 Montrell Helms
- 3 Fred Dodd
- 3 Jacob Wesley Frazier
- 4 Crystal Webb
- 5 Charles Haynes
- 6 Brittany Horne
- 6 Molly Hart Preston
- 6 Steve Robinson
- 7 Dave Walter
- 7 Ralph Kincaid
- 8 Cassie Green
- 8 Linda Renfro
- 9 Judy Barker
- 10 Scott Melson
- 11 Sheila Brooks
- 12 Joy Catherine Durbin
- 13 Lamont Leary
- 14 Sarah Elizabeth Smith
- 16 Reyne Johnson
- 17 Hayley Tudor
- 18 Peggy Barnes
- 19 Robert Land
- 19 Corey Eden
- 20 Alexis Robinson
- 21 Louise Ball
- 21 Ashley Sexton
- 21 Rose Whitaker
- 22 Joey Poynter
- 25 Clara Mieres
- 25 Bo Hendren
- 27 Helen Hamm
- 28 Christian Buckley
- 28 Courtney Martin
- 28 Brandon Smoot
- 28 Shana Wilson
- 30 Rex Alexander
- 30 Beverly Chadwell

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Steve & Debra Vescio
- 18 Ronnie & Sandy Gray
- 18 Ralph & Connie Kincaid
- 19 Samuel & Mary Sowder
- 22 Roger & Jennifer Whitaker
- 23 David & Melanie Musick
- 29 Randy & Miranda Colley

In You Have
Corrections to our
Birthdays or
Anniversary Lists,
please let us know

**TRUST ME... WE WILL BE
DISAPPOINTED IF YOU DON'T
ATTEND THE MEN'S
SECOND SATURDAY
FELLOWSHIP**
Ryan's Restaurant
Saturday, November
12th
8:00 AM



Join us for A Time of fellowship, food and relaxation for all men and boys. Invite a friend to attend with you and become better acquainted with others from the Unity Baptist Family.

Annual
Chili Cook-Off
Sunday, November 6
Following Morning Worship



Who will walk with the prizes for the best chili in several categories? We will soon know but we encourage you to remain following worship on November 6 and share in a time of fellowship... You don't HAVE to prepare chili for the competition but join with us in the excitement as our youth sponsor this annual event/

**WE ARE IN NEED OF A COUPLE TO
VOLUNTEER FOR OUR
TEAMKID PROGRAM.
TEAMKID**

MEETS EACH WEDNESDAY
AT 6:30 PM.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION, SPEAK WITH THE
PASTOR OR TOM & TAMI BUGBEE



PERHAPS YOU MAY NOT FEEL LED TO LEAD OUR TEAMKID PROGRAM BUT
MAYBE GOD IS CALLING YOU TO ASSIST WITH OUR SUNDAY MORNING
NURSERY OR EXTENDED SESSION PROGRAMS. WE CAN USE YOUR HELP.
JUST SPEAK WITH SHERRI WILSON OR E-MAIL HER AT
GSSCDWILSON@AOL.COM

SERVING THIS MONTH

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

| DATE | USHERS | AM NURSERY | CHILDREN'S WORSHIP | PM NURSERY | GREETERS |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| NOVEMBER 6 | 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 |
| NOVEMBER 13 | Fred Dodd David Snyder Tom Bugbee Duard Hamm Rodger Mason Lamont Leary | Judy Dodd Linda Renfro | Tammy Simpson Carol Reeves | Peggy Weston | Andy & Juanita Anderson Jamie & Jennifer Moscrip |
| NOVEMBER 20 | Fred Dodd David Musick Andy Anderson Bill Barker K Gamble Jamie Moscrip | Kathy Robinson Stacy Taulbee | Lois Morgan Scarlett Whitaker | Lucille Brewer | Dell Robbins Lamont Leary Ima Dale Lowery |
| NOVEMBER 27 | Fred Dodd Sean Brewer Art Turner Vernon Lamb Charles Long Michael Brooks | Louise Ball Amanda Renfro | Sherri Wilson Jennifer Moscrip | Sherri Wilson | Geneva Doolin Art & Hazel Turner |
| DECEMBER 4 | Fred Dodd David Snyder Tom Bugbee Duard Hamm Rodger Mason Lamont Leary | Judy Barker Sheila Brooks | Holly Long Lois Morgan | Janie Jordan | Rodger & Robin Mason Clarenetta Watters Clara Mieres |

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.

What better way to get in the mood for the season than to join the

Unity Baptist Church Choir.

The Choir meets each Sunday Evening at 7:00 PM

And are preparing for the Christmas Cantata That will be presented during our Morning Worship Hour on Sunday, December 11.

Lend your voice to this year's Cantata and be a part of our talented Voices of Unity



The Children of Unity,

under the direction of Sherri Wilson will present their Christmas Program on Sunday, December 18, during The morning worship hour.

Practices will be held at 6:00 PM in November on November 6; November 13 and November 20....

There will be no practice on November 27 - Thanksgiving weekend

We look forward to your child being part of this year's Christmas Pageant.



**DEACONS
FOR THE
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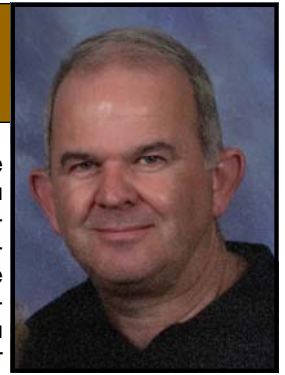
NOVEMBER



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | |
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| 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 | | 1 Ladies Bible Study <i>"The Frazzled Female"</i> 6:30 PM | 2 Midweek Programs 6:30 PM | 3 | 4 | 5 SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR TONIGHT  | |
| 6 Church Council 5:00 PM Youth Sponsored Chili Cook-Off following AM Worship | 7 | 8 | 9 Midweek Programs 6:30 PM | 10 | 11 | 12 Men's Second Saturday Breakfast @ 8 AM | |
| 13 Operation Christmas Child Dedication | 14 | 15 Kentucky Baptist Convention Annual Meeting Florence, KY | 16 Midweek Programs Monthly Business Meeting @ 6:30 PM | 17 | 18 Sr. Adult Train Ride Big South Fork | 19 | |
| 20 WMU Will deliver Thanksgiving Baskets | 21 | 22 | 23 Midweek Programs 6:30 PM | 24  | 25 | 26 | |
| 27 Deacons Meet & WMU Meets 5:00 PM | 28 | 29 | 30 Midweek Programs 6:30 PM |  | | |  |

Youth Notes

JOHN SMOOT, YOUTH MINISTER



Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. (1 Corinthians 9:19)

Well, time continues to fly, it's now the end of October the weather has began to change and I'm wearing long sleeves on the football field this weekend. Where did the year go? God continues to bless us but the devil is working hard; don't let him distract us from where our God and Lord and Savior desires we go. We are preparing for some of our fall and winter activities including our annual chili cook-off, more on that later.

I hope you were at church to witness the youth drama, "Painting Jesus", this is a presentation that we had been talking about for some time. I have to tell you that the youth prepared for that in just about four hard days of work, with the assistance for Jena Brewer and Michelle Garrett. I was out of town for most of the week they were practicing and we wanted to get it presented before Carl and Jena moved to Texas. I am very proud of the performance and the work that they put in to provide that worship opportunity. If you were not there to see it, I have a video loaded on my face book page and a video available. As I mentioned, Carl and Jena have moved to Texas and we are surely going to miss them, Jena has been a big help with the creative ministries.

Wednesday, October 19 we took our fall pumpkin painting visit to Kenwood Nursing home, we appreciate the help of the congregation in this important ministry. We will also participate in an angel tree ministry with the nursing home and if you want to participate by taking a name and gift suggestion to make a special Christmas for one of Kenwood's residents, please let me know.

I want to thank Louise Ball for hosting a youth cookout a few Sundays ago. We had several youth go to the Ball's after worship for an afternoon of food and games. I was pleasantly surprised to have the best banana pudding for dessert; I hope I didn't hurt anyone's arms when they tried to partake. They need to learn that the pudding is mine; just kidding I did share a little. Thank you Louise for your hospitality! We are so blessed to have many in the congregation that are willing to step up and host events like these.

As I write we are preparing for an afternoon trip to Versailles, KY to visit a corn maze, this is something that I have never done before so I am looking forward to the visit. I will fill you in on this next month. If anyone gets lost you can rest assured I will let you know about it, I just hope it's not me.

The last month we have been studying "Servant Evangelism" in Sunday morning Bible Study. I stress to our youth that everything we do should be done to bring glory to our God, these last weeks of lessons has stressed that one way we can do that is through the spread of the Gospel. It seems that we live in a society that struggles with the thought of serving others and we want our youth to grow up desiring to be servants as our Christ is. When we meet people at their physical needs it opens an opportunity to reach their spiritual needs as well. People need to see the love of Jesus in us before we can share the love with them; you may remember hearing Deneal tell you this in church one morning after our visit to the creative ministries conference a couple years ago. We need to be willing and broken to be a true servant, we need to want to reach people and be broken to

do so. God can use us all and He needs you right now, what's holding you back? There are many lost people surrounding our church in the neighborhoods around our church. We have deep needs within our church for teachers and workers, what's holding you back? Our youth will begin teaching our younger children over the next several months as our God develops their ministry skills and faith. Let us know if you would like to help in any of these endeavors. Strong discipleship for these young people is a must. The point of our lesson for the last months is that "We are to reach people for Christ", all of us are ministers of the gospel, have you led anyone to Christ lately?

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 recently received a \$200 check from Kroger's 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. Here are a couple activities coming soon:

Chili Cook-Off and Youth Fundraiser, Sunday morning, November 6.

Prepare your best chili to be judged in one of three categories, best overall, hottest and most unusual. Stay after morning worship and eat. Cost is only a dollar to eat and we will accept any donations toward your youth ministry activities. I have heard that Holly Long is already making noise about a repeat win, get ready for her Larry.

November Nursing home visit – Date to be determined later

December progressive dinner and lock in. If you would like to participate by being a supplier for a course of the progressive dinner please let me know. We will most likely do as we did last year and have the dinner at church due o the transportation issues with the number of youth participating. Praise God for a problem like that.

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.

As always, I really want to thank many people that are always so helpful! There are people that make my life blessed, they are always willing to do whatever needs to be done and honestly sometimes have to be told no. I don't know how I could do this without you, thank you from the bottom of my heart! I love you guys! God has truly blessed me way beyond what I deserve! I really have to say a big thank you to Him!!

Blessings!

John

Parcel's Page

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



Can You Hear Me Now?

An old man was wondering if his wife had a hearing problem. So one night, he stood behind her while she was sitting in her lounge chair. He spoke softly to her, "Honey, can you hear me?"

There was no response.

He moved a little closer and said again, "Honey, can you hear me?"

Still, there was no response.

Finally he moved right behind her and said, "Honey, can you hear me?"

She replied, "For the third time, Yes!"

What Did He Say?

An elderly couple were driving across the country. The woman was driving when she got pulled over by the highway patrol. The officer said, "Ma'am did you know you were speeding?"

The woman, hard of hearing, turned to her husband and asked, "What did he say?"

The old man yelled, "He says you were speeding!"

The patrolman said, "May I see your license?"

The woman turned to her husband once again and asked, "What did he say?"

The old man yelled, "He wants to see your license!"

The woman gave the officer her license. The patrolman then said, "I see you are from Arkansas. I spent some time there once and went on a blind date with the ugliest woman I've ever seen."

The woman turned to her husband and asked, "What did he say?"

The old man yells, "He said he thinks he knows you!"

UNIFIRES

Senior Adult Ministry

Phil & Linda Brashear, Directors

On Saturday, October 22, the Senior Adult Ministry sponsored a Leaf Tour. We drove over to Natural Bridge State Park for lunch at Hemlock Lodge, and then took the road through the old Nada Tunnel and up through the Red River Gorge. Twenty-three people participated, the Gorge was beautiful, and we had a great time.

While we were at the Lodge, we had a brief devotional and some conversation. One outcome of that conversation was our new organizational name, **UniFires**. The name is meant to make you think of our church name and of senior adults being unified and fired up by the Spirit of God.

We also discussed our plans for the next few months. On **Friday, November 18, we're going down to McCreary County to ride the Big South Fork Railway and have lunch at Suzanne's Fine Dining in the railroad depot.** Then, on **Friday, December 9, we're going to Renfro Valley for a home-style dinner at the Lodge Restaurant followed by a gospel concert featuring the Gold City Quartet.** Other upcoming activities include a trip to Michael's Restaurant at Ravenna and Big Blue Night at church, when we'll have popcorn and hot chocolate and watch a UK basketball game together.



If you're 65 or older, why don't you join us! (See Phil or Linda Brashear for questions.) If you have a frequent companion who's under 65, bring 'em along!

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

| | |
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| Larry Morgan | Rodger Mason |
| Bill Grigsby | Tim Simpson |
| Art Turner | Wesley Frazier |
| Glen Renfro | Fred Dodd |

PEN DROP PROJECT

A NEW WAY TO WITNESS

Want a subtle way to witness – to let others know about Unity Baptist Church and the love of God? Pick up a few pens and join the Pen Drop Project.

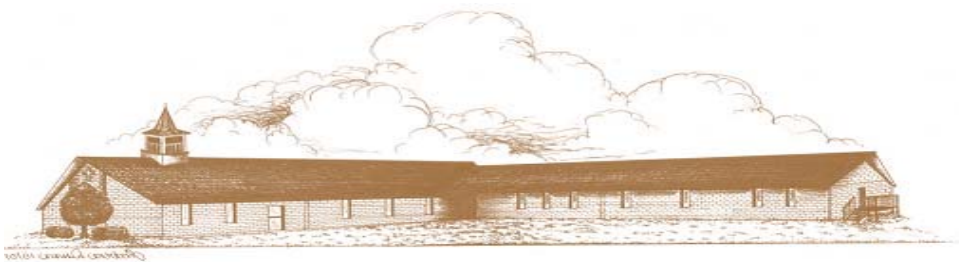
The church has purchased a thousand inexpensive ball-point pens with this message:

God Loves You And So Do We!

**Unity Baptist Church
 1290 Barnes Mill Road
 Richmond, KY 624-9464**

Project participants carry a few of these pens with them and leave them, one at a time, at strategic points around town. For example, when you eat out, clip a pen to your tip and leave it for the waitress (not as a substitute, but as an addition to the tip). When you go to the bank and fill out a deposit slip, leave a pen on the desk. When you write a check at a business, leave a pen. Of course, many people will ignore the message, or even the pen – but you never know who will see the message or what it will mean to them. The pens represent a small part of God's message of love; and remember, God's word never returns empty.

So pick up a handful of these little messengers and participate in the Pen Drop Project!

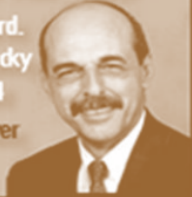


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Dr. Dennis Brewer
 Pastor



WCBR RADIO BROADCAST
Sunday's at 10 am