



Building Updates



Sanctuary light & sound is now complete

Security system is completed

New emergency lighting in sanctuary

New screen on balcony rail

New lighting in the baptistry changing rooms

Boiler pump repaired

Carillon bells are being worked on & fine-tuned

Tech room has revamped technology, including rewiring

New office porch light

New cable installation for the internet

New gas meter installed

Just a typical Thursday...



PLEASE be aware that several of our members have health problems, asthma, and allergies. Perfume, cologne, aftershave, lotion, etc., may hinder someone from breathing freely and easily.

~ Scripture Studies ~

The book of Romans - Sunday morning - 11 am

The book of 1 Samuel - Sunday evening - 6 pm

The book of Ephesians - Wednesday Bible Study - 6 pm

February Evening Service Readings

Presented by Pastor Bill

Author: Russell Kelfer

Feb. 5 - *The Day that Grandpa Was Born*

Feb. 12 - *Ethel's Amazing Umbrella*

Feb. 19 - *The Story of Edith Easter*



End Times Bible Study Mondays, Sanctuary, 6:30 pm

Mary & Jerry Lambert,
Teachers

If you are unable to attend our sanctuary services, our drive-in church is now available on 87.7 FM for all services. Also, check our website - www.unakaavenue.com/resources - to see our weekly bulletin. Our Media Team has offered to deliver a flash drive of the service when all the "bugs" from our new system are identified and corrected. Please be patient with us as we work through this process.

Unaka Avenue

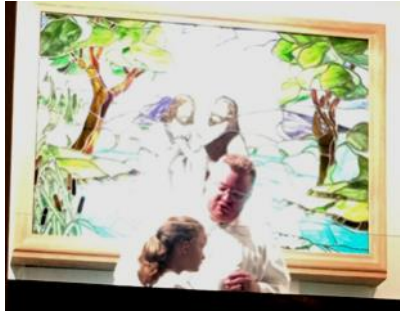


Unaka Avenue Baptist Church Newsletter April 2023



***Happy Easter!
Hallelujah,
He Is Risen!***

January Baptisms



Gracie Adams

Baptized by her father,
Rev. Asa Adams

Benjamin Lindner

Baptized by his grandfather,
Rev. Bill McDaniel



←————→
Mary Miller's 90th Birthday Party: Sat., Jan. 14
Her Children: Judy, Patti and Jamie



January 29 Social Devotion:

How Much Give Does It Take to Show Love?

Matthew 26 : 6 - 8

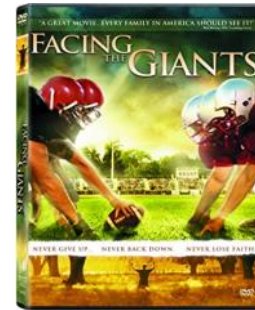
Mary, at the feet of Jesus, poured out a jar of perfume worth a year's wages, on His feet as an act of service and worship as she recognized Him as Lord.

We should all be a living sacrifice for Him.



February 26 Social

Pizza & a Movie - "Facing the Giants"



And surprise dessert!



March 26 Social - Easter Dinner

How Noisy Is Your Life?

Luke 22 : 39 - 46

Jesus had to get away from noise to pray only to find his disciples sleeping. Getting away from the noise was Jesus' perfect example of prayer. Are your prayers unanswered? Keep waiting and spend time with God.





Balcony single chandeliers - new LED lightbulbs being installed

4 large chandeliers at floor level - new LED lightbulbs being installed



Brightness of new bulbs in sanctuary aisles



Old Analog Soundboard



New Digital Soundboard - smaller and streamlined

Worship Service monitors for office and nursery



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions

100% of all offerings go to our missionaries.

Our goal is \$1000.00



Spread the Gospel!

Mark 16:15



GOD'S HOTLINE NUMBER

when you are... then call God via...

Discouraged.....	Psalm 37:5 or Galatians 6:9
Worried.....	Matthew 6:25-34 or 1 Peter 5:7
Lonely.....	Psalm 37:4
Depressed.....	Isaiah 41:10
Confused.....	Proverbs 3:5 - 8
Tempted.....	1 Corinthians 10:12 - 13
Angry.....	Matthew 5:39 - 41 or Romans 12:19 - 21
Sick.....	Matthew 8:5 - 13
In fear.....	Isaiah 41:13
In grief.....	Isaiah 50:10
In financial trouble.....	Matthew 6:26 or Malachi 3:10 - 12
Having marital..... problem	Ephesians 4:31 - 32
Deserted by loved ones	Isaiah 49:15 - 16

<http://thecheerfulspirit.blogspot.com/>

God's Plan

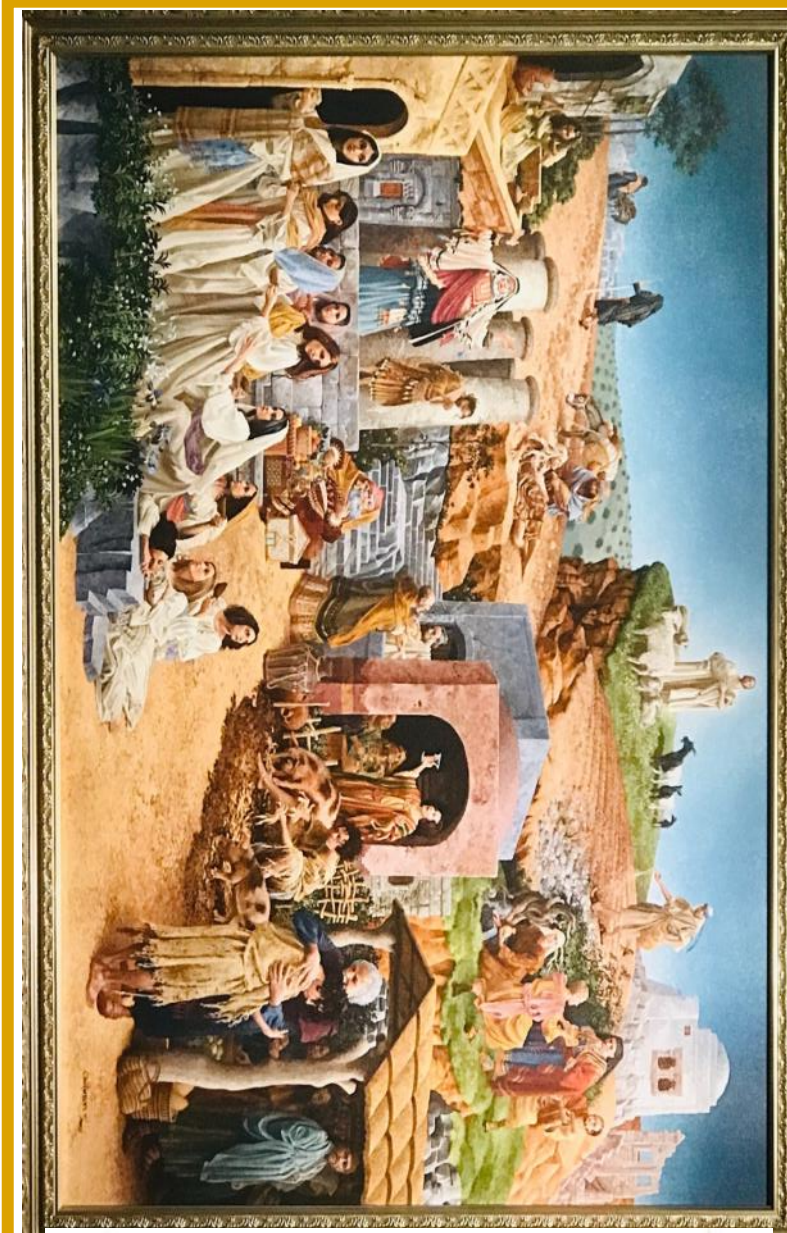


Our Plan



**"A man's heart deviseth his way:
but the LORD directeth his steps."**

PROVERBS 16:9 (KJV)



*"Parables" painting
by James Christiansen*

*Can you find all 12?
Answers hidden in this issue!*

5 Ways to Process Problems

1. Remind ourselves God is trustworthy - 2 Timothy 2:13.
2. Read Bible verses addressing our problem - 2 Tim. 3:16-17.
3. Focus on the positive - Philippians 4:8-9.
4. Thank God for our blessings - Psalm 103.
5. Take negative thoughts captive - 2 Corinthians 10:5.



Enjoy your 4th of July Independence Day holiday! Be safe in the hot weather!



Heaven is a realm of unsurpassed joy, unfading glory, undiminished bliss, unlimited delights, and unending pleasures... It will be a perfect existence.
John MacArthur

Mother's Day Offering in May for the TN Baptist Children's Homes

Our goal is \$500. Please honor your mother and give to help children without mothers. Make checks to UABC.



Father's Day Offering in June for the TN Baptist Adult Homes

Our goal is \$500. Please honor our heavenly Father and give to help seniors that have been in the ministry and for special needs adults. Make checks to UABC.



Summer 2023 - June 21!



Memorial Day, May 29

Take time to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country for freedom.

Also thank our veterans and those on active duty for their service!





*Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
for North American Missions*

*We will take offerings through the month
of April. 100% of all the offerings will go
to the mission field.*



**Welcome
the King!**

**Palm
Sunday,
April 2**



Belk Charity Days May 1 - 6

**Our Bake Sale on Sat., May 6, upstairs in
Belk Men's Bldg. See Dolores Schwartz
for more info!**



Easter Cantata, "He Is Worthy"

Palm Sunday, April 2



Church Family,

What a wonderful time we are having during our worship services as we sing praises and actively participate in worship of our Lord and Savior. Without a doubt, we believe that we were created to worship and that we should reflect the glory of God in all aspects of our lives.

Our worship time together is critical in our walk with Christ Jesus. We should always strive to direct our hearts and voices to God worshipping him for who He truly is. We seek to worship Him for what He has done and what He continues to do in our lives.

Whether you participate in worship from your seat in the congregation or from the choir loft, I want to encourage you to continue lifting your voices in true worship here at Unaka Avenue Baptist Church.

I want to sincerely thank each and every member of the choir along with our media team and musicians for an outstanding job on our Easter Cantata. It was a wonderful and special time of worship as we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ through song and narration.

With the spring and summer seasons comes new opportunities for you to join us as members of our music ministry team. Participating with the Celebration Choir is easy! Simply join us in the choir loft prior to our worship time every Sunday morning. Choir rehearsals are held at 7:00 pm on Sunday nights following the Sunday evening services. We would love to have you participate with us. Come and join us!

Brother Mark



Agape Women's Services

Our January baby bottle offering campaign has now been completed! These offerings are used so women with unplanned pregnancies can receive the love of Christ as they choose life and are ministered to by this Christian service. We were thankful for 39 offerings.

OUR TOTAL:

\$1,181.11



Congratulations to our very own Camie Cloyd, daughter of Doyle Cloyd, for winning the Miss Teen Historic Jonesborough Pageant, a preliminary Miss Teen America contest, Feb. 19, 2023!

We wish her well as she competes in Nashville in the Miss Teen Tennessee Scholarship Competition in June. We are planning a special day for her this month to help with the costs of competition and travel. She's a lovely young lady inside as well as outside! We are very proud of you, Camie!



Surprise birthday card and gift table for Pastor Bill on April 2!

Can You Refuse Such a Gift?

There are certain phrases that we use in our everyday conversation. "It was just an opportunity too good to pass up" is one of those statements. "The offer was too good to pass up," is another. Some have said, "The lure of sin is attractive and seductive, one has great difficulty refusing its promise."

These are situations that present scenarios where we must indulge. These situations are the best choice for any rational person. This is why we see people captivated by sin.

Can these same words apply to the gift that God provides? The last few newsletter articles have pointed to our situation regarding sin and salvation. They focused on the following themes:

- 1) Apart from God, we are consumed by sin
- 2) Through God's grace, He chose us
- 3) Jesus' sacrifice for His people

These three themes walk us towards a conclusion. We cannot save ourselves. We cannot determine within our own faculties and desires that we need God. We are extended God's grace as an unmerited gift. It is not a prize that we have earned because of our choice to choose God. It is God's grace that has brought us to Him.

Can someone take a gift so precious and throw it into the mouth of Mount Doom? Can you refuse the most important act of mercy God can provide? No! He is irresistible. The church is the Bride of Christ. The Bride cannot refuse the Husband. She knows He will keep Her; therefore, she submits. We are given as a gift to Jesus from the Father, *John 6:37, 44*. Those who have truly received God's gift of eternal life realize that it is God who has given it. It is God who sustains it. Our labor is His labor within us, *1 Cor. 15:10*. The Apostle Paul, prior to conversion, wanted nothing to do with Jesus. He wanted to eradicate Jesus and His followers. Once He encountered the irresistible Savior, He only wanted to do the Savior's will, *Acts 9:6*. God's perfect plan will not be corrupted nor changed by anything nor anyone, *Rom. 8:30, 10:17*. One of the most comforting passages in all of Scripture reminds us that we were dead in sin. It was God who did everything to bring our salvation to fruition, *John 6:28-29; Rom. 9:16; Eph. 2:1, 4-10; Phil. 2:12-13*. Proverbs affirms that God is working His will through us, *Proverbs 21:1*.

Consider the gift you have received. Are you grateful? Are you like Paul in that you say, "Lord, what wilt you have me to do?", *Acts 9:6 KJV*. Pray earnestly that you will be completely obedient to His will. -Pastor Bill



Then your FAITH will grow
STRONG in the **TRUTH**
 you were taught, and you will
 overflow with **Thankfulness.**
 Col. 2:7 NLT



Here are the twelve parables of Jesus in
 James Christiansen's painting in this April issue:

The Sower, The House Upon the Rock, The Pharisee
 and the Publican, The Importunate Friend, The Lost
 Coin, The Prodigal Son, The Good Samaritan, The
 Good Shepherd, The Rich Fool, The Ten Virgins, The
 Talents and The Sheep and the Goats.

Martha's Day Out!

*Our ladies have begun meeting on the 2nd
 Thursday of each month to have lunch at a
 different restaurant and spend time in fellowship.
 The cut off time for signing up is the Sunday
 morning before the 2nd Thursday.*

*Our inaugural 2023 lunch was a wonderful
 success, meeting at One-Acre Café,
 with 13 ladies attending. All ladies are welcome to
 attend. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.
 Details will be provided on the sign up sheet.*

If you have questions, see Mary Lambert.



*We are "recycling" our Sunday School literature.
 This used literature will go overseas to missionar-
 ies who don't have access to printed materials. If
 you don't plan on keeping yours, please leave it
 in your Sunday School room and the office will
 gather it for the local ministry company named
Love Packages Ministries.*



Installation of new internet cable



1213 E. Unaka Avenue
 Johnson City, 37601
 423-926-5951

Office hours: 11 - 3; M - F
unakaavenue.com

Radio 87.7 FM - all services
 Pastor - Rev. William E. McDaniel
 Pastor phone / text 423-341-8765, or by appt.
 Music Director - Mark Foster
 Secretary - Debbie Bacon