



Building Updates



New Sanctuary Smart Thermostat

New paper folder in office

Youth & Beyond (new name!) 2023 Summer Schedule

June 14 - Fuji Japanese Restaurant, 112 Sunset Dr. at Kroger Shopping Ctr; meet at 5:30.
If you need transportation, see Mrs. Joy

June 21 - Lemonade Charades

June 28 - Watermelon Eating Contest

July 5 - No YAB, attend Wed. service

July 12 - Meet at Abundant Living Retirement Community, 5:45 pm - We are serving punch and cookies to Mr. Jim Calhoun and friends.

July 19 - Elizabethton Escape Room; times TBA

July 26 - Let's make ice cream!

***PLEASE be aware that several of our
attenders have health problems,
asthma and allergies. Let's keep the
air we share scent - free!***

~ Scripture Studies ~

The book of Romans - Sunday morning - 11 am

The book of 1 Samuel - Sunday evening - 6 pm

The book of Galatians - Wednesday Bible Study - 6 pm

We are "recycling" our Sunday School literature. This used literature will go overseas to missionaries 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.

They will not take Open Windows & Guide Posts, etc. This devotional type literature would be good for you to share at doctors offices, nursing homes, rehab facilities, etc.



***End Times Bible Study
Mondays, Sanctuary, 6:30 - 7:30 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



July 2023



Happy Independence Day!

May 28 Housewarming Shower for Savannah Farris



Dear Unaka Avenue, I would like to thank all of my church family for all the love and support you have shown me. I love you all dearly. All of you are such a blessing and I thank God for y'all every day! Savannah Farris



June Potluck Picnic at the Lake



Donna MdKeehan & Jack Farris won the cornhole tourney at the church picnic June 11. Their prizes were DQ gift cards and apple butter!



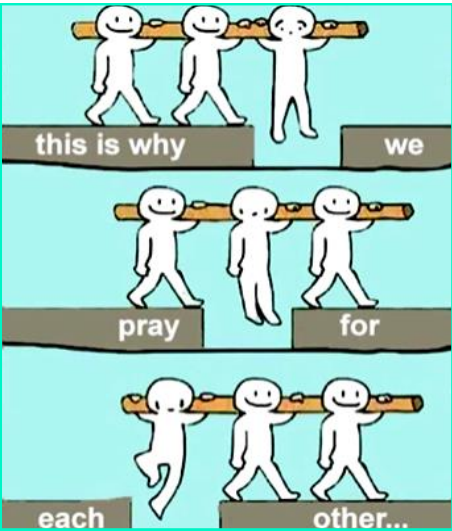
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SYATP - See You at the Pole is a youth gathering to worship and pray the 4th Wednesday in September. Pray for students who choose to witness in this way.



Other Important Days in September

Labor Day - 4
Grandparents Day - 10
Fall Begins - 23



Potluck Picnic in the Park! (Winged Deer, that is...) June 11, 2023



Who Guarantees Your Salvation?

Who guarantees your salvation? This is a topic that is hotly contested. Ironically, most people do not want to discuss it, though it sits at the very core of certain denominations. Some people believe it so deeply they label their denomination as "freewill" to indicate that they believe they are responsible for the destiny of the gift they received freely. They would tell you they believe the gift of salvation is something God provides. They would state, we do not seek Him and His gift. It is all His grace. At some point, when God gives the gift of grace, according to them, we can lose that gift through our actions.

Is this scriptural? Or is the gift sustained by God through His Spirit that dwells within His people? The Bible is consistent regarding the works of God. The Bible is clear that the sinner/saint can do NOTHING to earn nor maintain salvation.

Our faith will be challenged every day. The only way to persevere is through God's work within us. In God's sovereign plan, He promised a Savior would come. We find this promise throughout the Old Testament. In His perfect timing, He provided that Savior. We find a detailed account of the fulfillment of the promise within the pages of the New Testament. After the Messiah completed providing the ONLY way of redemption, He sent the Holy Spirit to keep His people until His return or His call to heaven. 2 Corinthians 1:22 affirms that God guarantees His ownership of His redeemed. Those He condemns to Hell are not those with which He has infused the Holy Spirit. Therefore, those He has saved will ALWAYS be saved.

God gives us the faith to believe to the end. Those who abandon the faith were not saved by the Blood of Jesus. They were working from their effort, which always fails. Salvation is NEVER EVER gained through our efforts. Since God is guaranteeing our salvation, we can never lose it because God does not fail. We are justified through Jesus. We call what God is doing in our life after receiving salvation sanctification. In 2 Corinthians 3:18, the Bible tells us that our transformation comes directly from the Spirit.

The most comforting passage from the Bible to support this is found through Jesus' words in John 10:26-30. He affirms that His people know Him. His people listen to Him. Then come the words, "I give them eternal life." He says in 28 & 29, "no one can snatch them". If you are His child, you are sealed permanently. Jesus also tells us in John 6:38-39, "He will lose none of those the Father has given Him."

Notice, everything I said regarding this points to what God does, nothing regarding perseverance is allotted to the saint. It is God who perseveres. Let us conclude on Philippians 1:6, "...He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus."

-Pastor Bill

Name Change!

Our youth group has changed our name to YOUTH AND BEYOND. We want to make sure we have a place to grow for our young people who have graduated from high school.

This summer we are growing in our relationship with the Lord by studying His Word and strengthening our group with fun summer activities. We meet on Wednesday nights from 6pm to 7pm. We had to make a schedule change so please make sure you update your calendars for the following events...

June 28 - Watermelon contest

July 5 - no YAB; attend Wed. night service in sanctuary

July 12- Meet at Abundant Christian Living Retirement community at 5:45 @ 2012 Sherwood Dr. We are serving punch and cookies to Mr. Jim Calhoun and friends.

July 19- Elizabethton Escape Room; time TBA

July 26- Let's make ice cream!

If you need transportation, see Mrs. Joy.

Thank you for your prayers and support of our young church members.





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

*Our goal was \$500.
Total \$1195!*

*Our summer yard sale was June 23 - 24.
Thanks to all for the donations. The money
that is earned goes to our Building Improve-
ment Fund, and all the interactions are for His
kingdom. Thanks to all the ladies & gentlemen
for their work: Cindy, Dolores and her niece
Sherry, Marilyn, Helen, Linda J., Carolyn, Linda
McK, Donna B., Sherrie (who also sells things
behind the scenes), Lynne, Holly, and Bill.
Total \$1591.24*



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

**Our goal is \$500
Total \$1110**



Martha's Day Out @ Kick Back Jack's





Martha's Day Out!



We are saddened to have lost Dr. Jack Parrott, our former pastor, passing away May 17th. Please remember Bettye and the extended family in your prayers.



Belk Charity Days May 1 - 6

We are thankful for Dolores Schwartz and her dedication to help out with our Building Improvement Fund. The total for this sale was \$401.50.

Pontius Pilate on the Death of Jesus



Top, left to right - Pontius Pilate washing his hands of the death of Jesus; Pilate speaks to the crowd



Bottom, left to right - the red towel symbolizing the shed blood of Christ he carried before belief in Jesus; the white towel symbolizes his sins washed away because of his belief in Jesus.



Music Notes



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 worshiping 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.

The Celebration Choir is taking a short break from Sunday night rehearsals; however, they will continue to lead worship from the choir loft each Sunday morning. Rehearsals will resume again on the first Sunday night in August.

With the summer season 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



Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes

We have begun our collection of items for the Christmas shoeboxes. Our goal is 100 boxes. Our folks will be donating different items each month, or any time you wish, in order to pick up items on sale, and to pack the shoeboxes early in November. Also, each box will cost \$10 to ship if you would like to give.

The drop off week is November 13 - 20. We will have a box packing day before TBA before the drop-off week. All the items we need are listed here:



May

Kid's Band-aids
Ivory BAR soap only
Toothbrushes
Washcloths

June

Brushes & Combs
Ponytails holders
Sunglasses

July

Small toys - cars, dolls, stuffed animals;
*NO war toys, etc.
Small puzzles
Coloring books
Word find books
Play-Doh
Jump ropes

August

Nail clippers
Small sports cup w/lid
Small plastic plates & bowls: child-sized that will fit in a shoebox

September

Pens & pencils
Small plastic sharpeners
Colored pencils
Markers
Pencil case
3" x 5" note pads
Index cards
Protractors
Scissors & rulers
Glue sticks, no liquid

October

Gloves & Scarves & Hats
Flip-flops -children,youth
Socks
Lip balm, no liquids

Martha's Day Out!

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

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.



Congratulations to Jack Farris, son of Kara Farris, and graduate of Elizabethton High School on May 20! He will be attending Northeast State.



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