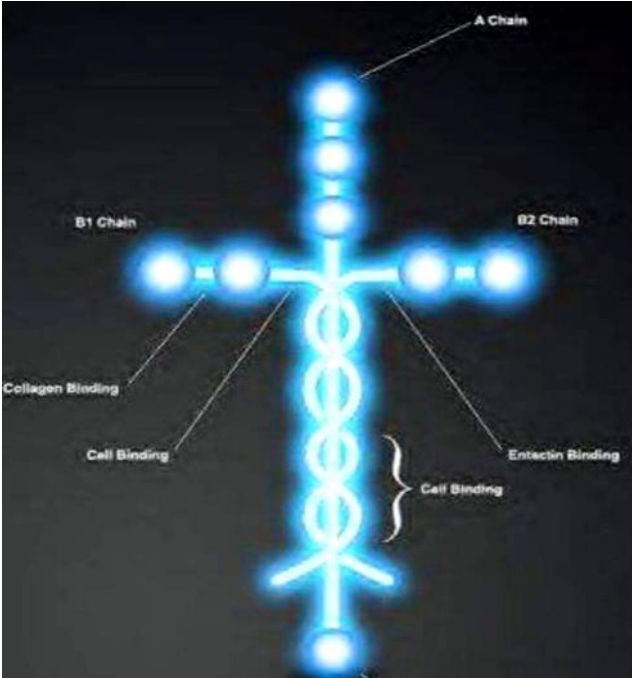


This is Laminin. The molecule, Laminin is the protein that holds human beings together. Do you notice its shape? Isn't it amazing that God would think so far in the future, and make the very thing that makes us think of Jesus, make up and play a crucial role in how we are formed? God formed you to not only live as an image of Christ, but to never escape the fact that you are HIS! We are branded by the Cross! "He is before all things, and in him all things hold together" Colossians 1:17 Love Missionary Joe Livefreer.co



(Do God's People Experience Difficulty?, Cont.)

How have you been managing adversity? Do you shout, scream, weep, and even plead with God? Do you tell Him how faithful you are and how underserving you are for this experience? Or are you faithful to Him? Is your response like Job "...Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity..."? Job 2:10

-Pastor Bill

Do God's People Experience Difficulty? – Part 1

Most people like to present Christianity as an insurance policy against hardships in life. Select churches even teach that if you become a Christian and live your life completely according to the teaching found within the Bible you will not experience trouble. They teach that you will have better health, more financial resources, and more enjoyable social experiences, your family will all be Christians as well, and "the sun will always shine, and the storms of this world will never come your way."

That sounds wonderful. News flash...it is not true. Certain churches will tell you that if you have trouble then you must be straying from God's plan for your life. They will even ask you what you are not doing, that you should, or what you are doing that you should not. Does that sound familiar?

We always go to the Bible to discern Truth. Why would I capitalize Truth? Because it needs it in this instance. The world thinks that our truth is determined by our beliefs. God's Truth exists whether we believe or acknowledge it. Complete Truth exists in God's perfect plan. That plan is God's, not ours. And that plan is more important than any "Purpose Driven 'plan' for us" unlike what people think.

Now let us look at certain passages that reveal God working positively in the lives of His chosen for their benefit when the world around them thinks God is punishing that person. This will be the topic for next year's newsletters.

In the Book of Job, we read the most well-known example of this "hardship in the face of God's people." At the beginning of Job, we read that God blessed him. He was faithful to God. Job did not stray from his devotion to God. Yet, he goes through extreme heartbreak. He loses everything. Imagine...losing your financial stability, your health, and even losing all your children at once. No time for the grieving process. Throughout, Job remained faithful. Key verses regarding Job's suffering are Job 1:13-22 and Job 2:4-10.

My New Identity In Christ Jesus

I am... **A**ccepted in the beloved.¹ **I AM**
Blessed with all spiritual blessings²
Chosen in Him before the world's foundation³
Delivered from the powers of darkness⁴
Elevated to heavenly places⁵
Forgiven from all sin⁶ **I AM**
God's Masterpiece⁷
Healed by Jesus' stripes⁸
In Him⁹ **True Identity**
Justified by faith¹⁰
Kept by the power of God¹¹
Loved unconditionally¹²
More than a conqueror¹³
Not condemned¹⁴ **I AM**
Overcoming the world through faith¹⁵
Predestined to sonship¹⁶
Quickened together with Christ¹⁷
Redeemed from the curses of the law¹⁸
Sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise¹⁹
To His praise²⁰
Unto His glory²¹ **I AM** **New Creation**
Victorious through Him²² **In Christ**
Washed from my sins in His own Blood²³
X"crucified" with Christ²⁴
Yoked together with believers²⁵ **I AM**
Zealous of good works²⁶



August 27 Breakfast for Supper Social Devotion: Do You Give God Leftovers?

Exodus 23 : 19

Will God be your forethought or your
afterthought?



"The prayer meeting is the
gauge of the Church's
spiritual condition. You may
always test your church's
prosperity — by the number
who assemble to pray!"
Charles Spurgeon



Are We Thankful?

Psalms 92:5

Psalms 100:4

Psalms 116:17

Philippians 4:6

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Let God know how much
you love Him and thank
Him for loving you!



UPCOMING 4TH QUARTER & BEYOND ACTIVITIES STAY TUNED THROUGH OUR BULLETIN AND WEBSITE!

October

- ♦ Trunks of Treats - Oct. 29
- ♦ Hotdog Social (afterward) Oct. 29

November

- ♦ Shoebox Assembly, Sat., Nov. 4
- ♦ Delivery of shoeboxes, Nov. 13-20
- ♦ Thanksgiving Meal Social, Nov. 19

December

- ♦ Christmas Music, Dec. 17, 11:00am
- ♦ Christmas Social, Dec. 17, Deco contest
- ♦ Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion
6:00 - 6:45 (15 min. each, starting at 6:00)

January

- ♦ Agape Women's Ministry
Baby Bottle Offering



July 30 Picnic at the Beach Social



Devotion:
"Freedom"
2 Corinthians 3:17

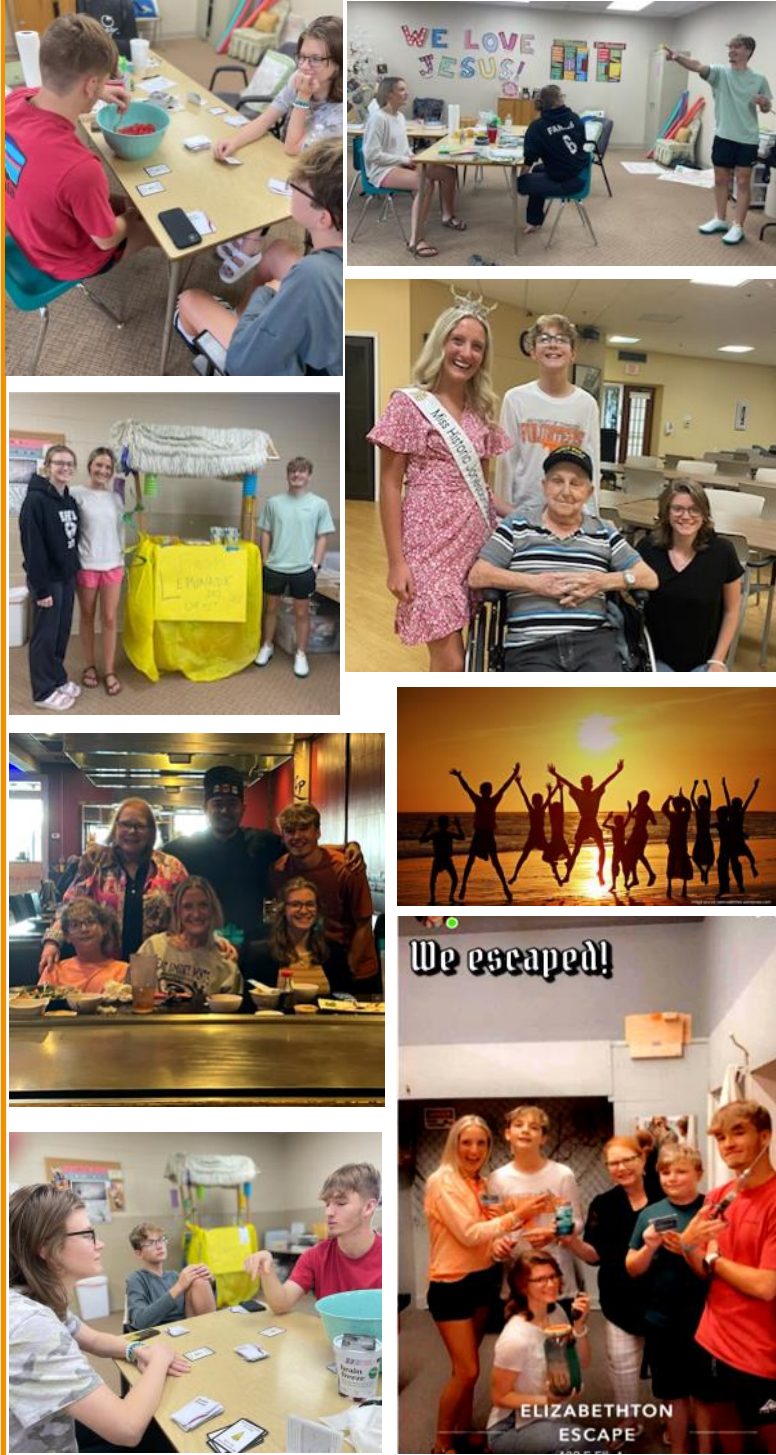
Patriotic freedom-
for American
Citizens
given by our
military heroes.



Spiritual Freedom-
Christ died for our
spiritual freedom on
Calvary - the only
one who won the
ultimate battle
for our souls.



Youth & Beyond Summer Activities



September 24 Mexican Food Social
Devotion: Complexity of God - Exodus 55 : 8 - 9
Mystery: God has always been and has had an eternal plan for humanity. He sought us!



Veterans Day November 11





Building Updates



- *New LED lighting installed in Fellowship Hall side rooms
- *Repaired A/C start up problem
- *New thermostat in sanctuary
- *Sanctuary & main level carpets cleaned
- *Carpet protectors under chairs for the 3 offices
- *Roof to be re-covered on Old Education Bldg. behind sanctuary; to be finished in October
- *Broken emergency light replaced
- *Fire Extinguishers annual check

Youth & Beyond (new name!)

Last Quarter Activities from 2023 Summer

Pictures on another page

- 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; there at 5:30
- 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 - 6pm

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 re-using yours, please leave it in your Sunday School room and the office will gather it for the local ministry company - Love Packages Ministries.

They will not take Open Windows & Guide Posts, etc. This devotional type literature would be good for you to share with friends and leave at doctors offices, nursing homes, and rehab facilities, etc. Let's share the good news!



Monday Night Bible Study

2nd & 4th Mondays

Sanctuary, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Mary & Jerry Lambert, Leaders



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

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*Enjoy the Lord's
beautiful & bountiful
harvest!*



Youth & Beyond

TBMB Golden Offering
Our October Goal is \$500
To Date: \$25



Youth and Beyond

Our Youth and Beyond group is staying busy and connected at church even after the beginning of the school season. Along with our Sunday School lessons, we have our Wednesday night fellowship. Wednesday fellowship gives us a chance to enjoy time as a group having fun and remembering our Christian bond in prayer and devotion.

One of our outreach activities resulted in 3 people who visited our church this month. Also this month, Our "pizza in the park" activity surprised us by turning into an outreach opportunity. Anywhere we go, people seem to notice the light within this small but mighty group of young people.

Saturday, Sept 30 will find us traveling to Cave Springs Baptist Church in Rogersville for a youth event, "Sons and Daughters of The King". Thank you to Alan McKeehan for transporting us and to Donna McKeehan for being with us.

Sunday October 1, please stop by our table in front of the choir room as we celebrate our wonderful church congregation. We want to thank you with a small token of our appreciation for your support of our youth. Please join us as we continue to keep each other in prayer.

*May the love of Christ keep our light shining,
 Joy & Youth and Beyond group*

Welcome to our newest member, Teresa Clark! We are blessed to have her in our Unaka Avenue family.



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 excited about the upcoming Christmas Season. They are currently working to prepare for the Christmas Cantata which will be presented during the morning service on December 17th. Craig Adams' new musical The King is Born will be featured during this service and you are certain to receive a blessing after experiencing this beautiful and moving Christmas celebration.

With the Christmas 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



LAST CALL FOR SHOEBOX ITEMS!!

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. We will have a box packing day TBA before the drop-off week, November 13 - 20. All 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.



ACTS 2:38

Jesus Died
1 Corinthians 15:1-3



DEATH
1
REPENTANCE

Jesus Was Buried
1 Corinthians 15:4



BURIAL
2
BAPTISM

Jesus Rose Again
1 Corinthians 15:4



RESURRECTION
3
HOLY GHOST



We Must "Die"
Romans 6:2



We Must Be "Buried"
Romans 6:3-4



We Must "Rise Again"
Romans 6:4; 8:2

Being a Christian is like being a Pumpkin:



God picks you from the patch and brings you in. (John 15:16)
Then He washes all the dirt off of you. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, fear, hate, and greed. (Romans 6:6)

He carves you a new smiling face. (Psalm 71:23)

And He puts his light inside of you to shine for all the world to see. (Matthew 5:16)

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