

*Martha's Day Out for ladies is the second Thursday of each month at 11:30. Complete information is on the sign up sheet at the Welcome Center. The last day to sign up for the monthly get-together is the Sunday immediately before the second Thursday.*



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Music Director - Mark Foster  
Secretary - Debbie Bacon

**Sermon Scripture Studies**  
The Gospel of Jesus According to John -  
Sunday 11:00 am  
1 Kings - Sunday 6:00 pm  
Genesis - Wednesday 6:00 pm



# Unaka Avenue Baptist Church Newsletter April - June 2026

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*February 22 Pasta, Salad, Bread Social  
Devotion: Character*

*Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:10*

*God's word is final. We're free to make choices, but there are no free outcomes. We don't always get our way - even if we want it; we have to operate within rules. No one can dictate to God, we still have to stand before Him on our own. We must proclaim God because we love Him! What happens after your profession of faith? May we be found faithful!*



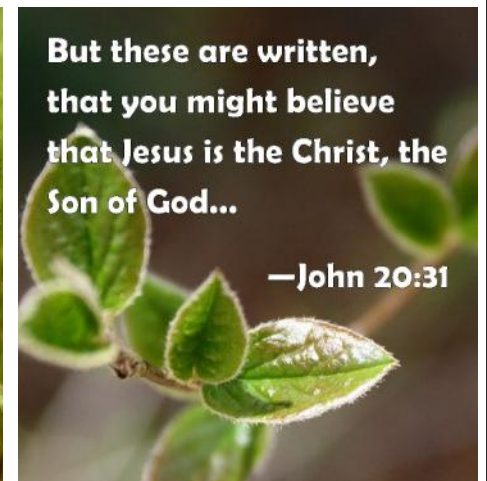
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Baptist Center Playground Offering - \$530

Thank you! This neighborhood ministers to children and parents in the name of Jesus!



*These two verses are the key verses that we focus on in our study through the book of John in the New Testament.*





New cable and replacement cameras installed by Tele-Optics, February and March.



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**Agape Women's Services  
January & February  
Mission Emphasis  
Baby Bottle Offering  
Our goal is \$1,000.  
Total : \$ 1,717.60**



*Caretakers of the Building  
Clayton & Nancy Arnold*



***Though our feelings  
come and go, God's  
love for us does not!***  
***C.S. Lewis***

In 2026, our Bible reading will be structured as Seven Biblical Sections. These sections are Epistles, Law, History, Psalms, Poetry, Prophecy and Gospels. If you need the monthly list, contact the office.



## *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.

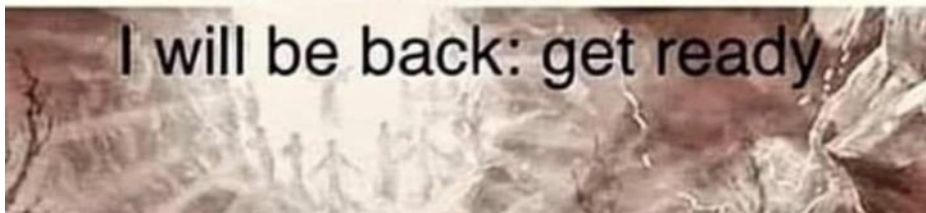
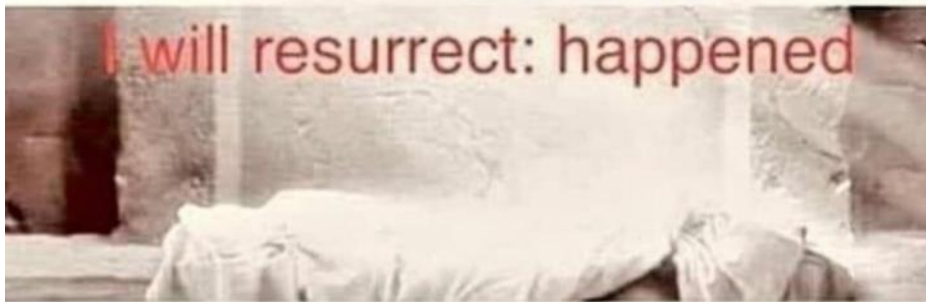
Whether you participate in worship from your seat in the congregation or from the choir loft, I want to encourage you to continue lifting your voices in true worship here at Unaka Avenue Baptist Church.

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 when we are preparing for a cantata. We would love to have you participate with us. Come and join us!

Brother Mark





**Are YOU ready?**

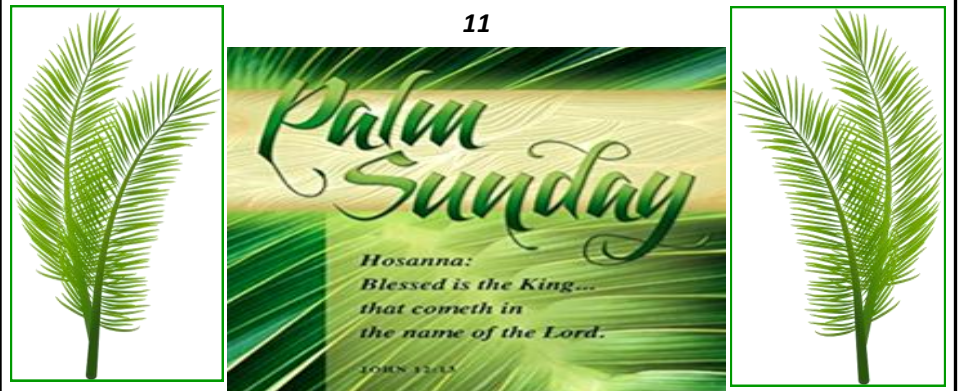
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**Philippians 2 : 5 - 11**  
***“When Emptiness Results in Fullness”***  
***Jesus exchanged His godly form and took on the form of a servant. Paul wrote about humility - but of what did Jesus empty Himself? He went from Sovereign to Servant. He was still God even though He limited Himself to walk like man, veiled His glory, and went from law-giver to obey-er. He is worthy of our praise!***



*Special Offerings for this Quarter*

*May*

*Mother's Day Offering for  
TN Baptist Children's Homes*



*June*

*Father's Day Offering for  
TN Baptist Adult Homes*



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Martha's Day Out, Carrabba's, Feb. 12

Youth & young adults visiting Jim C. in March.



### People of God : Part 5

Galatians 5:22-23: <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Last quarter, we emphasized the Spirit-filled trait of in-spite-of-our-circumstances Joy. In Galatians 5:22-23, Paul speaks of the fruits of the Spirit. He lists love, joy, **peace**, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The focus for this quarter will be on peace.

Peace is the trait that surpasses our experiences. We can have peace even among trials. We have heard of people experiencing tragic events, and yet they explain that through it all, they had peace. We have heard of prisoners of war experiencing peace that can only come from God. Their circumstances were far from peaceful. Humanity likes to see or hear about examples of people rising above their circumstances and finding peace. One of the greatest examples is from Richard Wurmbbrand. Richard was a Romanian pastor who endured 14 years in communist prisons for his faith in Jesus.

In 1948, the secret police kidnapped Richard Wurmbbrand while on his way to church. He was kept in a cell 30 feet underground with no windows, no light, and no sound for years. He was starved, beaten, and tortured with fire. He was quoted as saying, *"I was alone in a cell... I had forgotten my name. I had forgotten the Bible. But I found that if I was quiet, I could hear the heartbeat of God. I began to dance in my cell. I was so happy that the guards, looking through the peephole, thought I had gone mad. But I wasn't mad; I was in the company of the Divine."* He was in total darkness, suffering from tuberculosis, and his feet were so savagely beaten that he could never walk normally again. After his release, he testified before the U.S. Senate, famously stripping off his shirt to show the scars on his back as evidence of the persecution. He went on to found *The Voice of the Martyrs*, one of the world's largest organizations helping persecuted Christians.

One other example is Corrie ten Boom. Imprisoned in a Nazi concentration camp (Ravensbrück) for hiding Jews. She held secret Bible studies in a barracks infested with fleas. She famously thanked God for the fleas because they kept the Nazi guards from entering the room, allowing the women to pray in peace.

I pray that whatever you are experiencing right now will not diminish the peace that only the Lord can provide. Please remember—God loves you, and I am praying for you. -Pastor Bill

