THE CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 27

9:00 A.M. Sunday School

10:00 A.M. Worship

5:00 P.M. Children/Youth

REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Mitchell Starnes - cancer

Dana Tyson - recovery

Bobby Hughes - recovery from heart ablation

Mark Huey - recovery, now at home

Diana Hallman - ALS

Karen Thomas - recovery

Jennifer Deason - recovery

Shut-Ins:

Linda Henderson Al Starnes Robert and Nancy Watterson Jean Stogner Gail and Joanne Dailey

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

NURSERY

07/27: Lisa C./Jena D. 08/03: Chandler K./Debbie C.

SAFETY PATROL

07/27: Mike Hagins 08/03: Tommy Deason

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Greg Brasington

ELDER OF THE MONTH

Billy Carnes

USHERS:

Jamie McCowan, Darin Robinson, Bryan Walker, Tommy Deason

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ** If you haven't been receiving text messages from us recently, please contact the pastor. We have had several people mention that they haven't been receiving notifications.
- ** We are celebrating our 150th Anniversary this year!! If you would like to make a financial contribution towards the 150th Anniversary Celebration, that would be greatly appreciated. Please use a pew envelope or your offering envelope and mark it "150th Anniversary" and place them in the offering plate. Thank you for your generosity!!
- ** Planning is underway for the church's 150th Anniversary Celebration and the committee is seeking your help! If you have church history items/artifacts or photos that you would like to share and display throughout the year, please contact Robin Cox.

FROM OUR CORNER

Our church family sends out a BIG WELCOME back to Jennifer! Your smiling face has been greatly missed for the past several months. We also give a huge sigh of relief that your fall on Saturday did not result in any broken bones and your foot is improving with each passing day.

We also want to express our appreciation to Charles Walkup for accompanying us on the piano during worship Sunday morning. The simplicity of Prelude and the Offertory arrangements were especially moving with the first stanzas being played in using just the right handed melody. My first thought was that one of our children was doing a first performance, and then I realized that I was hearing a unique arrangement that really touched our hearts. Thank you, Charles! Your rendition was a meditation.

PLANNING TO JOIN US FOR BONCLARKEN WEEKEND?

This year, Bonclarken Weekend is scheduled for October 10th-12th.
Considering the 150th Celebration, we are trying to determine if we should go to Bonclarken that weekend or have a celebration here at home. For the next two Sundays we will have a bulletin insert where you can indicate if you plan to go to Bonclarken or prefer having something here at Unity. Simply fill out the insert and place it in the offering plate. (The cost for Bonclarken Weekend will be printed on the insert.)

WORKDAY ON THE GROUNDS

The Deacons will have a workday on the church grounds on Saturday, July 26th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. There will be pine straw to spread and other projects to be completed in order to ready our campus for our 150th anniversary celebration. ALL help is welcome!!!

OUR FAITHFULNESS FOR JULY 20, 2025

CHURCH 84

TREASURER'S REPORT

2025 BUDGET \$374,280.08

BUDGET NEEDS TO DATE \$212,831

OFFERING TO DATE \$204,724.22

BEHIND \$8,106.78

NEEDED 07/20 \$7,339.00

OFFERING 07/20 CONTRIBUTIONS - \$5,069.47

FACILITY RENTAL - \$100

COTTAGE RESERVATIONS- \$150

TOTAL RECEIVED - \$5,319.47

In loving memory of our sister, Evelyn Chandler, for her birthday July 22nd by Glenn and Marcie McCain

BLDG/ GROUNDS MAINTENANCE YTD

\$6,251.61

BLDG/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 07/20

\$80

In honor of Bill and Linda Carraway by Sara Logan

AUGUST CALENDAR

■ Ushers: Pat Lee, Mike Wells, Sam Tyson, Jonathon Carnes

• Elder of the Month: David Cox

August 17:

Nursery: August 3 - Chandler Kirkley/Debbie Crenshaw

August 10 - Wanda Ingram/Lisa Muennich

August 17 - Karen Baxley/Robin Cox August 24 - Lisa Clawson/Jena Dean

August 31 - Chandler Kirkley/Debbie Crenshaw

■ Safety Patrol: August 3 - Tommy Deason

August 10 - Tommy Deason

August 17 - Pat Lee August 24 - Pat Lee August 31 - Pat Lee

August 3: 11:00 a.m. - Boyce Circle August 5: 7:00 p.m. - Stewart Circle

August 10: 8:00 a.m. - Deacons (Conference Room) August 12: 11:30 a.m. - WW Club (Wagon Wheel)

9:00 a.m. - Rally Day

11:00 a.m. - Session (Conference Room)

4:00 p.m. - Ragsdale Circle

August 24: 10:00 a.m - Memorial Association Meeting

11:00 a.m. - Worship 12:30 p.m. - Lunch

2:00 p.m - 150th Anniversary Service

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday, August 24th will be Homecoming. This will be an especially exciting event as we celebrate our 150th anniversary. We will begin the day at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary with a brief meeting of the Memorial Association, followed by a Psalm Sing. We will follow at 11:00 a.m. with our worship service where our own Rev. Hammond will be our minister. In honor of our 150th celebration, we are asking each family to provide a side dish and/ or dessert for lunch. Chicken and ham will be provided. If you can't bring food, please don't let that stop you from attending. We will join together in the fellowship hall at 12:30 for our meal. Please plan to stay and join us at 2:00 p.m. as we will have a special service to commemorate our 150th anniversary. There will be historical displays and our cemetery map will be available for those seeking info on current plots. We are excited about this special day in the life of our church and hope you can be part of it. More info will be mailed out soon!

THANK YOU!

Dear Unity Church Family,

Thank you for all the cards, texts, and most of all the prayers during my recent surgery. Please keep me in your prayers as I continue my recovery. I am blessed to be part of such a loving family of God. Thank you again!

Love,

Dana Tyson