

THE CHURCH CALENDAR	
<b><u>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5</u></b>	
9:00 A.M.	Sunday school
10:00 A.M.	Worship
11:00 A.M.	Boyce Circle
11:00 A.M.	Chancel Choir Practice/Lunch
5:00 P.M.	Children/Youth
<b><u>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7</u></b>	
7:00 P.M.	Stewart Circle
<b><u>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8</u></b>	
11:00 A.M.	Adult Prayer/Bible Study

REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

- Family of Mitchell Starnes
- Family of Joann Funderburk (Terri Robinson’s grandmother)
- Family of Edith Workman (Toni Flynn’s sister)
- Violet Belk - Atrium Monroe
- Wayne Willis - Atrium Monroe
- Byran Thomas - recovery from stroke
- Debbie Crenshaw - recovery from surgery
- John Robinson - recovery from bladder cancer surgery
- Bobby Hughes - recovery from stent placement
- Dana Tyson - recovery
- Mark Huey - recovery
- Diana Hallman - ALS
- Shut-Ins:

Linda Henderson

Al Starnes

Robert and Nancy Watterson

Jean Stogner

Gail and Joanne Dailey

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE	
<b><u>NURSERY</u></b>	
10/05:	Wanda I./Lisa M.
10/12:	
<b><u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u></b>	
10/05:	Rita Jamison/Landyn Robinson
10/12:	
<b><u>SAFETY PATROL</u></b>	
10/05:	Mike Walters
10/12:	
<b><u>DEACON OF THE MONTH</u></b>	
Mike Walters	
<b><u>ELDER OF THE MONTH</u></b>	
Joe Flynn	
<b><u>USHERS:</u></b>	
Jamie McCowan, Darin Robinson, Bryan Walker, Tommy Deason	

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FROM OUR CORNER

Several of you have asked about Jennifer and Lee’s short term mission trip to Rwanda, I want them to share their time there with you. Richard and I do, however, want to thank you for the prayers and monetary help you provided them. Our church family has always kept the promises you made so many years ago as you vowed to help us rear each of our children in God’s grace at the time of their baptism. I will share with you some of the joys air travel they experienced! The trip involved twenty-four hours of grueling flight time which included plane changes from Charlotte to Atlanta to Amsterdam to Uganda and finally arriving in Rwanda. Jennifer said they may have slept a total of two hours both going and coming. With your prayers they had safe travel with no glitches until they arrived back in Atlanta. They had made the final flight plan in Amsterdam where Jennifer said the lady was extremely kind, telling them she had booked their seats together for their final travel (which had been true of the entire trip). When they arrived in Atlanta, they were expecting a five hour layover, but Jennifer received notification that her flight would soon be boarding! When the two of them compared their tickets, it appeared they would be seated side by side on two different planes! They had just enough time to see about Lee getting moved to the earlier time. Even though that seemed hopeless, (with 38 people ahead of him on stand-by) he was able to get on! Meanwhile back in Lancaster, Richard and I were frantically trying to get to Charlotte to meet the earlier flight. The four of us were able to meet in a timely fashion. One piece of luggage, however, had been left. After we waited two hours, we were told the case was STILL in Atlanta. The new plan was for the luggage to be sent to Charlotte, then back to Atlanta, then to Spartanburg, then driven to their home in Greenwood! Go figure that out! We were ‘giddy’ about reuniting and just had a good laugh. The suitcase arrived on their doorstep just minutes after they arrived home Sunday afternoon. We felt with their numerous air miles, the last leg of the trip was, indeed, a minor glitch! God is awesome in His care of us!

COMMUNION

We will observe the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper on Sunday, October 5th

CHURCH 107

OUR FAITHFULNESS FOR  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

TREASURER’S REPORT

2025 BUDGET	\$374,280.08
BUDGET NEEDS TO DATE	\$286,221.00
OFFERING TO DATE	\$277,385.91
BEHIND	\$8,835.09
NEEDED 09/28	\$7,339.00
OFFERING 09/28	CONTRIBUTIONS - \$7,120.03
	FACILITY RENTAL - \$
	COTTAGE RESERVATIONS- \$300
	TOTAL RECEIVED - \$7,420.03
In memory of Joann Funderburk, Edith Workman, and Mitchell Starnes by Jack Marsh	
In honor of Pat and Angie Lee by Sammy and Lisa Clawson	
In memory of Phillip Helms, Jeffrey Broadway, and Mitchell Starnes by Bobby and Ray Helms	
PLAYGROUND	
In honor of Pat and Angie Lee as newlyweds by Ken and Lisa Muennich	
YOUTH	
In memory of Seth by Ken and Lisa Muennich	
BACKPACK	
In honor of Pat and Angie Lee by Sara Logan	
BONCLARKEN PAINT	
In honor of Wayne and MaryAnn Willis by Doug and Debra Eudy	
CHOIR	
In honor of Pat and Angie for their wedding by Tim and Lisa Hallman	
MUSIC FUND	
In honor of Pat and Angie Lee by Tommy and Jennifer Deason	
BLDG/ GROUNDS MAINTENANCE YTD	\$7,956.74
BLDG/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 09/28	\$210.19

FROM THE PASTOR

Help Wanted

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

*And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*

Even before becoming pastor at Unity, one of the things that stood out to me was this church’s unwavering commitment to its children and youth. For generations, Unity has invested in helping young people grow in their relationship with Christ.

I often hear adults speak with deep gratitude for their former youth leaders—those who took the time to teach them, pray for and with them, and show them what it means to follow Jesus. Perhaps you, too, remember the impact of retreats, trips, or deep conversations with leaders who cared for you.

That same opportunity to shape lives is before us again. We are in need of Sunday School teachers for our middle and high school students, as well as advisors for our middle school group on Sunday evenings.

You don’t need to be an expert—just someone with a heart to see our young people know Christ and grow in Him. Would you prayerfully consider stepping into this important ministry?

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

The following is an update from the Playground Committee for improvements to the court area:

Striping and sealing will take place within the next 2 weeks, weather permitting, at \$5,400.

Basketball goals similar to the one in front of the fellowship hall will be added at \$600 max/goal.

Pickleball (3) and tennis (1) netting and equipment - allow \$2,300

The old basketball goal and boards protruding onto the court will be removed..

Presently, we have \$ 6,200 in the playground fund and continued giving to this project is be appreciated.

THANK YOU!

Jeff and I would like to thank our Unity family for the lovely shower and beautiful gifts! We are so fortunate to have a community that continually loves, prays, and supports us - especially as we prepare for marriage! Your love is felt and your impact is evident even from Cincinnati. Love you all!

Emma Hammond

GROUNDWORK DAY

The Deacons will host a workday on the grounds on Saturday, October 4th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Please bring tools for trimming shrubbery and trees.