

Unity Lamplighter

June 23-29, 2025

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Announcements

If you haven't been receiving text messages from us recently, please contact the pastor. Several people have mentioned they haven't been receiving notifications.

Mark your calendars for **July 2, 6-8 pm** for a family night event as part of our 150th Anniversary celebration. We will have hotdogs, hamburgers, ice cream, old fashioned games and a brief ceremony to honor our veterans, past and present. Bring a chair and join us on the front lawn to watch the games after dinner.

If you would like to make a financial contribution towards the 150th Anniversary celebrations, that would be greatly appreciated. Please mark your envelopes as such and place them in the offering plate. Thank you!

If you have an ice cream churn and would be willing to make some ice cream for our July 2 event please reach out to Robin or Phil Cox, Heather Breedlove or John McCain. Thank you!

Volunteer Schedule

Nursery:

6/29 Lisa Clawson/Jena Dean
7/6 Chandler Kirkley/Debbie Crenshaw

Children's Church:

6/29 Karen Baxley/Chandler Kirkley
7/6 Rita Jamison/Landyn Robinson

Safety Patrol:

6/29 Darin Robinson
7/6 Steve Willis

Elder of the Month:

Howard Williams

Deacon of the Month:

Bryan Walker

Ushers of the Month June:

Greg Brasington
Steve Willis
Mike Walters
Mike Hagins

June Memory Verse

We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:5

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.

Prayer Requests

Jennifer Deason – recovery

Mark Huey – recovery, now at home

Diana Hallman – ALS

Karen Thomas – recovery

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

Giving 6/22:

General fund \$5,301.00
Building fund \$ 951.30
Designated fund \$ 940.00

Total \$ 7,192.30

Honorariums and Memorials:

In memory of Mary Couick by Sara Logan
In memory of Jim Crumpler by Ronnie and Wanda Ingram
In memory of Lake McCain by Don and Karen Baxley
In memory of Willene Howle's birthday by the Mike Wells Family
In memory of Glenn Ribelin Jr by Rush and Sophie Preston
In honor of Big Don, Lil Don and Donald by Karen Baxley
In honor of the birth of Clara Jacobs by the Mike Wells Family
In loving honor of Mark McCain for his birthday, June 22nd, by Glenn
and Marcie McCain
In honor of Emma's and Alayna's birthdays by Tommy and Jennifer
Deason

Attendance: 113

From Our Corner 149

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Last week, Richard used Johnson's Paste Wax on our hardwood floor in the family room. After the wax had time to set up, I used the buffer to polish the floor. As I finished, Richard asked me if the wax had buffed into a solid shine, and I replied that the floor looked great, and I asked why he was concerned. He laughed and said the wax was slightly past the expiration date. Knowing my husband well, after 56 years of married bliss, and recognizing his wry expression and the sparkle in his eyes, I retorted "Define how much beyond the expiration date." He openly grinned and said, "About sixty years!" Now I knew he was NOT teasing about that as Johnson no longer made that paste wax, and I had wondered where he had found it. He proceeded to share a wonderful memory with me: Ed and Atha Lee Starnes were active members of our Unity congregation. Their children were Donnie and Joan Starnes Barrett. Mr. Ed had purchased a couple of cans of the wax, and on his hands and knees spread the wax under ALL of the pews in the sanctuary. He enlisted Donnie and Richard, who were 16 years old to buff the floor by hand. There was wax left over, and as the Starnes had carpeted flooring, Mr. Ed gave the wax to Richard for the Carter floors which were hardwood. That wax had been moved SEVERAL times over the years, and Richard had just unearthed it. The memory touched me as I thought of the dedication each of the three exhibited as they endeavored to preserve the beauty of our place of worship. Mr. Ed and Donnie are in Heaven, and Richard continues to find ways to enhance our church campus. We are blessed to have Joan as a member of our church family. I think this vignette is wonderful reminder to us that we can each seek and find ways of preserving and celebrating our church grounds, sharing our faith, and setting examples for the younger generation.

Appalachia Mission Trip

The **2025 Appalachia Mission Trip** will begin this coming Saturday, July 5-11th. Please pray for our ministry team (Unity and Edgemoor ARP) as well as all the other ARP teams as we seek to reach the lost for Christ through VBS.

If you would like to help us out, you can make food donations for us to take on the trip. Each day we will feed lunch to approximately 70 total students/staff members. Before making a contribution, please contact Pastor Charles at (803)246-1100. That way we can be sure we have enough of all items needed and not too much of any one item. Thank You!

Items Needed:

1. Sour Cream
2. Shredded Lettuce
3. Slaw
4. Juice Boxes/Capri Suns
5. Prepackaged Cookies
6. Prepackaged Crackers
7. Pretzels
8. M&M's
9. Mini Marshmallows