

What an Awesome Year!

2018 will be remembered as a year of growth and bonding for UCBC Youth! We have enjoyed so many fun events: ice-skating, trampoline park, roller skating, lock-ins, dodgeball, water balloon activities, bowling, and youth summer camps. We have also found wonderful opportunities for service: Baptist Children's Home, EPOCH Church, feeding the hungry, and food drives, just to name a few. During youth group, we learned about the books of Genesis and Exodus, the meaning of grace, salvation, brokenness, and how to have an authentic walk with Jesus. We look forward to more awesomeness in 2019! Keep reading to see what we have planned ahead...

Help us keep growing ! ! !

I have seen some significant growth in the youth group over the past year. We have grown numerically but I have also seen students grow in their faith in big ways! **What has caused this growth?**

1. **Prayer.** I have been asking God to help us grow (spiritually and numerically) since day one of my working here. Others have joined me in this prayer continuously. God is definitely at work!
2. **Parent Involvement.** This past year I have seen more parents wanting to be involved in their teen's faith development. They demonstrate this in a variety of ways but mostly through bringing their teen/s to youth group. Parents also play a key role in modeling the importance of faith development by serving the church and their communities. Teens typically model this behavior by being involved when they see their parents make faith and service a priority.
3. **Participation in Events.** We do a youth event each month. Since coming to UCBC, I am lucky if I can find enough adult leaders and/or transportation for the many who are eager to attend! Participating in events is critical for what we are trying to accomplish. I want students to feel a sense of belonging when they are with their church family. I want them to feel at home when they walk into the youth room. Participating in events allows them to gain a sense of belonging and to be known. The events are a time for teens to connect with one another and with leaders. When teens feel a sense of belonging in Christian community they are more likely to seek connection with Jesus. So please do everything you can to encourage your teen/s to come to events.



January Birthdays

1/1	Crista Church
1/6	Sara VonCannon
1/9	Danny Wilson
1/10	Frances Prevette
1/12	Judy Daniels
1/13	Steve Hurley
1/18	Jean Idol, Beverly Weavil
1/19	Paul East
1/20	Stoney Longworth, Kathy Mills, Terri Turner
1/24	Ernest George
1/29	Amy Clodfelter
1/30	Brenda Grose, Kathy Horton

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Happy New Year!



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Don't Let 2019 Slip Away

I remember when the calendar turned from 1999 to 2000, that was a big deal because rumors were going around that the banks would crash and people should stock up on food in case of such an emergency. Now somehow, that was 19 years ago. When you think back

over the last 19 years there are probably some things that slipped from our lives that we are glad to see go but there are some things we probably should have held on to and not let slip away. Time has a way slowly working in our life and just loosening our grip on things and they just slip away. So our series for January 2019 is all about stuff that we must not let go of, things that must not let slip away from our life in 2019. We are going to be encouraged, not to let "Hope" slip away, not to let "Opportunities" slip away, not to let the "Gospel" slip away and not to let "Private Worship" slip away. Come each Sunday and bring someone with you that you want to encourage to hold onto hope, take advantage of opportunities, cling tightly to the gospel and not neglect private worship. Be determined not to let these things slip away from us in 2019.

Peace,
Kent

Senior Moments Highlights

The Seniors will be having their luncheon at 11am on January 17th at the church. So bring a dish, and join us for fun; fellowship; and, Bingo. Also, we will be making plans for the upcoming year.

Bad Weather Policy

The Bad Weather Committee in coordination with the Pastor will make the determination to cancel services and/or activities. We no longer follow the Winston-Salem Forsyth County School closings.

- You may watch WFMY-TV 2 (cable channel 9), WGHP FOX8 TV (cable channel 10), or WXII-TV 12 (cable channel 11) for cancellation information.
- If you have not heard any news within a reasonable time, you may contact your Deacon.

Nursery Schedule

January 6, 2019 (Sun)	Ann & Lisa Canada AM
January 9, (Wed)	Stacy Bowlin PM
January 13, (Sun)	Marianne & CC Casas AM
January 16, (Wed)	Stacy Bowlin PM
January 20, (Sun)	Tina & Crista Church AM
January 23, (Wed)	Stacy Bowlin PM
January 27, (Sun)	Kathy Idol & Alice Striplin AM
January 30, (Wed)	Stacy Bowlin PM

Children's Church & Wee Church Schedule

January 6, (Children's)	Megan Coleman & Brittney Luallan
January 6, (Wee)	Julie Striplin & need volunteer
January 13, (Children's)	Melissa Little & Carole Blakley
January 13, (Wee)	Robin French & need volunteer
January 20, (Children's)	Stacy & Morgan Bowlin
January 20, (Wee)	Emma Lawrence & need volunteer
January 27, (Children's)	Susan Kramer & daughters
January 27, (Wee)	Jane & Jill Sutphin



Thank you for your donations to our missions offering. We raised \$1,133.50 for Lottie Moon, \$139.00 for Global Missions, and \$300.00 for the W-S Rescue Mission.



DECEMBER ACTIVITIES:

- Everyone who attended the International Supper on Wed, Dec. 5th seemed to have an enjoyable time as we came together as a tribute to missionaries and lift them up in prayer.
- Hospice Ministry deliveries continued in December and our next Hospice emphasis Sunday will be **January 20th**.
- There were 110 gifts, 4 blankets and 26 stocking stuffers taken to the Eastern Forsyth Toy Store on December 15th and there were 6 volunteers from our church assisting with the toy store. Thank you to everyone who helped with this project and we ask that you please be in prayer for all those families receiving gifts.
- On December 18th there were 4 WOM members who wrapped Christmas gifts for the families at the Ronald McDonald House.
- At our December meeting we voted to assist with the Forsyth Country Prison Christmas Party Ministry and we spent \$118.60 of WOM funds for party food items.
- We also voted to send \$300 of WOM funds to the Baptist Children's Home in Thomasville to help with Christmas gifts during their \$250,000 challenge match campaign.

Our January WOM meeting will be postponed until **January 16th**.

As a new year is dawning, it is a time to reflect on the past year, plan for the upcoming year, and pray that in 2019 we will continue to keep missions alive as "**UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE**".

A New Year's Prayer

**Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.**

**Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.**

**Come and kindle in us a mighty flame
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen**

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