

### ===Children's Corner

Our Christmas play is December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Following the play we will be having refreshments and a special visitor arriving!

### Hey Youth &Children!

December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, Tim Tucker (Teresa's husband) will be speaking to the children and youth as a part of the Reynolds American, Inc. **Right Decisions, Right Now, Be Tobacco Free** program, a program that discusses making smart choices about tobacco products. The program will make \$1,000 donation to our Family Ministry Fund to go towards Children and Youth expenses throughout the year.

### Backpack Update

We are so thankful for God's blessing and your generous support in making our weekend feeding ministry to Union Cross Elementary successful. Denise Ring, the school's volunteer coordinator, has told us how much the children appreciate our ministry and dedication. She is often greeted by hugs & smiles from excited students as she arrives with their weekly gift of food.

We began our deliveries in September this year, and are now up to 48. We have 2 delivery teams and soon will have 2 packing teams. God provides!

We're also blessed by the continued support of student volunteers from Glenn High for the 'muscle' to unload our big shipments, to Forsyth Backpack Program for holiday/break food, and to our Moravian friends, The Summit Church, and local businesses & community members who partner in this ministry.

Our current funds are enough to buy this year's food plus a good start on next school year, but please continue to pray for this program & for the children and their families. If you feel led to sponsor a child or to volunteer, please contact Sara VonCannon by phone, text, or email at 336/403-5512

or [voncannon@bellsouth.net](mailto:voncannon@bellsouth.net) or contact any member of the Backpack Committee. THANK YOU!!!  
God bless you! Sara



## December Birthdays

12/1	Faye Lakey
12/3	Mark Reavis
12/7	Bob Spencer
12/10	Kolby Kern
12/12	Edna Bond, Vicki Boyce
12/15	Marty Daniels
12/17	Jerry Haynes
12/20	Elvert Lakey
12/22	Jackson Striplin
12/27	Avery Lindley, Tammie Weavil
12/28	Robin French, Russell Grose
12/31	Clinton McCann

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# Union Cross Baptist News

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## Schedule of Christmas Events

- Dec. 6, 6:00pm – Family Christmas Program  
"Come Let Us Adore"
- Dec. 8, 11:00am – Senior Moments Luncheon  
"The Presbyterian Home Band"
- Dec. 11, 11:00am – Christmas Cantata  
"Jesus Means Christmas to Me"
- Dec. 17, 10:30am – Church Day at the Kettle
- Dec. 21, 7:00pm – Candlelight Communion Service



### The Best News Ever! Jesus Came and He's Coming Again!

What is the best news ever?

That God sent His Son Jesus to save us from our Sin! What could be better?

"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins. So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name

Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS. “ (Matthew 1:21-25)

People all over the world celebrate Christmas. It’s a big party every year to celebrate that Jesus came. We hang lights on the house, fill the tables with cookies, share gifts, and watch children get giddy with excitement. Christmas is a party! It’s a time to celebrate the best news ever!

Are you ready for more good news? Jesus is coming again. *This same Jesus, which has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven.* (Acts 1:11)

Jesus’ first coming was a humble birth. He was laid in a manger, and lived a life as a humble man who suffered and died for our sins and rose from the dead. Yet His second coming is described as glorious (Luke 21:27). He will come as the King of kings and Lord of lords. (Rev. 19:11-16)

This is great news; we get joy in our hearts over His first coming and Joy forever when He comes again. Merry Christmas, We are so glad to be here celebrating it with our UCBC family!

Kent and Family

**Church Day at the Kettle**

Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, we’re helping out the Salvation Army by ringing the bell from 10:30am – 7:30pm at the grocery entrance to Walmart in Kernersville. A sign-up sheet is in the Sanctuary foyer.

**Senior Moments Highlights**

We will be having our Senior luncheon on December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 11am. Our special guest will be “The Presbyterian Home Band.” They play everyday household items: sink stoppers, trowels, vacuum cleaner, and many more commonplace thing. Lunch will be provided, but feel free to bring a dessert.

**Installation Service**

The Installation Service for Rev. Kent Kern will be Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> during the morning worship service. Following the service we will be having a covered dish luncheon and invite you to bring a dish to welcome Kent and the rest of the Kern family.

**Nursery Schedule**

December 4, (Sun)	Larry & Barbara Snyder AM
	Children’s Program PM
December 7, (Wed)	No Nursery PM
December 11, (Sun)	Carlene Compton & Susan Hilton AM
	No Activities PM
December 14, (Wed)	Bob & Bettie Spencer PM

December 18, (Sun)	Marianne & CC Casas AM
	No Activities PM
December 21, (Wed)	Candlelight Service PM
December 25, (Sun)	Marisa Fraley AM
	No Activities PM
December 28, (Wed)	No Activities PM
January 1, (Sun)	Ann Canada & Ka thy Idol AM
	No Activities PM

**Children’s Church & Wee Church Schedule**

December 4, (Children’s)	Randy & Cathy Honeycutt
December 4, (Wee)	Beverly Weavil
December 11, (Children’s)	Cantata
December 11, (Wee)	Cantata
December 18, (Children’s)	Becky Lauten & Marisa Fraley
December 18, (Wee)	Robin French
December 25, (Children’s)	No Children’s Church
December 25, (Wee)	No Wee Church
January 1, (Children’s)	Melissa Little & Caole Blakley
January 1, (Wee)	Julie Striplin

**2017 Budget Presentation**

The Budget Committee will present the 2017 Budget at Church Conference on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm. The budget was handed out on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, so you should have time to review it prior to the conference. After discussion on Wednesday, we’ll vote at the end of our service on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.



Our next “Cookies for Hospice” day will be **Sunday, December 11**. Cookies, and other items were delivered to each of the Hospice homes in November.

On Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> we delivered meals to 8 households, which served 11 church members. This was a continuance of our Inward Missions.

A total of 19 shoeboxes were delivered for the Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry. Please remember to pray for your “child” and his/her family throughout the year.

At our November meeting we decided to use some of the WOM funds in the following manner:

- \$200 to the Salvation Army to assist with the North Carolina flood victims
- \$50 to the PMBA office for the purchase of Bible Story books to be given to families receiving toys at the Baptist Toy Store this year
- \$250 for the purchase of toys for boys and girls for the Baptist Toy Store
- \$100 to the Baptist Children’s Home in Thomasville to assist with Christmas wishes for the children. (By the way, we found that our donation would be matched during this season through a special foundation earmarked for this purpose).

Please keep in mind the deadline for donating items to the Baptist Toy Store will be Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

At our meeting it was also decided to forego our annual soup and salad supper on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> due to other meal activities around that date and there will be no WOM meeting that night.

The next WOM meeting will be **January 4<sup>th</sup>**. With the Baptist Men collecting for the WS Rescue Mission meals, the children collecting coins for the Samaritan Ministries, Senior Moments purchasing livestock for a third world country through the Samaritan’s Purse, the WOM with the several projects listed above, the youth sponsoring the Post Office for foreign missions, and the church involved with a *Day at the Kettle* for the Salvation Army, it warms my heart to see how in so many ways **“UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE.”** Blessings to each of you during this upcoming Christmas season. *-Jane Sutphin, WOM President*

**Christmas Cards**

The Youth are having their Christmas Post Office. You can mail your church family Christmas cards for \$0.25/card or a donation of your choosing to Lottie Moon or Global Missions. We will be running the post office from Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.