

Jesus told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Luke 10:2

We serve a great and awesome God who loves to answer the prayers of His children. We can trust that His answers are always what is best for us. God promises to work all things together for our good as we love Him and are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28) He loves, He listens, and He answers!

The youth are so very thankful to have amazing prayer partners. Thank you to all prayer partners and to everyone who prays for our teens and children!

February Activities--COME JOIN US!!

February 3rd-- Superbowl party at the Kern's

February 10th-- Spaghetti lunch following the Sunday morning service (Donations will go to youth summer camp)

February 23rd-- Winter Jam at the Greensboro Coliseum

God is at work in lives of our teens! Eight teenagers who have trusted Jesus Christ as Savior want to be baptized. Come celebrate this amazing day on February 17th at 11:00AM. Keep the youth group in your prayers and Pastor Andy who is so faithful in pointing them down the narrow road that leads to life. (Matthew 7:13-14)



February Birthdays

- 2/1 Kyle Kern
- 2/3 Amanda Hicks
- 2/7 Delbert Lauten, Jr., Marie Scott
- 2/8 Mary Anne Baker
- 2/9 Melissa Little
- 2/22 Jennie Buckner
- 2/24 Danny Cook
- 2/25 Zoe Ward
- 2/27 Charlene Dunlap

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Want To See More New Faces In Church In 2019?

In 2018 we had 11 new members and three people baptized! That is great! But 2018 is behind us and every year is a new opportunity to do a little better than the year before. How can we reach more people 2019? I read an article [*Five Ways to Grow a Small Church*](#) with these good tips for church growth (*excerpt*).

1. Set a growth target for your small church

You can't reach a goal if you don't set one. Be realistic. **Wouldn't you like to see 120-130 each Sunday morning? That's a realistic goal.*

2. Increase the number personal invitations

The [invitation of a friend or family member](#) is still [the most effective form of adding people to your church](#), so, [invite people, including strangers that you meet](#).

3. Serve your church visitors/guests with honor

[Your hospitality system](#) plays a role in shaping a [visitor's decision to return](#) and get involved, remove the unnecessary barriers that keep visitors from making that second visit.

4. Be on a Mission in the community

I'm not talking about mission statements but rather the hands on work of [serving in the community](#) and being an agent of transformation in the community.

5. Pray

In John 15 there are two keys to effective prayer; **Abide** in an intimate relationship with Christ and **Ask** (Jesus invites us to ask). What is something measurable you can ask for? What is something specific that you can ask the Lord for with [regards to your evangelism efforts](#)? Prayer is key to church growth. This list is not exhaustive but these are action steps we are applying to grow our small church.

Let's see more new faces at Union Cross Baptist Church because we invited them.

Kent

Nursery Schedule

February 3, (Sun)	Robin French & Kathy Horton AM
February 6, (Wed)	Stacy Bowlin PM
February 10, (Sun)	Ann & Lisa Canada AM
February 13, (Wed)	Stacy Bowlin PM
February 17, (Sun)	Tina & Crista Church AM
February 20, (Wed)	Stacy Bowlin PM
February 24, (Sun)	Kathy Idol & Alice Striplin AM
February 27, (Wed)	Stacy Bowlin PM

Children's Church & Wee Church Schedule

February 3, (Children's)	Megan Coleman & Brittney Lewallen
February 3, (Wee)	Julie Striplin & Aaron Sexton
February 10, (Children's)	Melissa Little & Carole Blakley
February 10, (Wee)	Krisi & Kolby Kern
February 17, (Children's)	Stacy & Morgan Bowlin
February 17, (Wee)	Jane & Jill Sutphin
February 24, (Children's)	Susan Kramer & daughters
February 24, (Wee)	Emma Lawrence & Ashley Wilson



JANUARY ACTIVITIES:

- Delivered items to both Hospice Homes; our next Hospice Ministry Sunday will be **February 10th**.
- Sent a \$300 check to H.O.P.E (Help Our People Eat) in WS to assist with food expenses.
- Sent a \$100 check to Grant & Jenna Hodgins who are the missionaries serving in Guam.
- On January 26th we baked the special recipe desserts for H.O.P.E. in the church kitchen.
- Assisted Jill and her Junior Women's Club of WS with donations of purses, shoes, personal hygiene items and clothing for the Dress for Success organization in WS.

It was reported at our follow-up Eastern Forsyth Baptist Toy Store meeting on January 22nd, there were 68 families and 203 children assisted at the December 15th toy store. Quite remarkable! Our church certainly helped make this possible.

On Sunday, **February 24th** we will be observing Baptist Women's Day, which is always an uplifting service.

We are also planning some more exciting mission projects and each lady in our church is certainly invited to join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, **February 6th**.

Our continued prayer is that God will continue to guide us as **UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE.**

Senior Moments Highlight

We will be having a Pinto Bean Luncheon on Thursday, February 21st at 11:00AM at the church. We will supply the beans and need for everyone else to bring the fix-ins and desserts. We will also be playing Bingo so bring some new prizes.

The Senior Moments Group are planning a trip to Ft. Caswell on May 6th – May 8th. The cost is \$160.00 per person. If you are going, please give your deposit of \$80.00 to Margaret Baker by March 3rd, and the remaining balance by April 7th.