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March Newsletter



From Pastor Larry

"You've been a blessing" is something that we often say, even when someone was just pleasant with us. But at this particular time in my life, I can honestly say this to you of Una Baptist. This is a time of thinking back. Why? Because I announced on February 26 my intention to retire from full-time ministry in June of this year, and move to the Charleston SC area to be near family. Of course that means that we are ending our time here at Una at that time and you will be missed. For 16 years, I knew exactly what I was going to do each day and especially each Sunday. Now, that looks different. For 16 years we lived apart from our family and Una became that family where we laughed, cried, hoped and prayed, and just did life together. Leaving is never easy, or at least, it shouldn't be! And it won't be for us. I cannot thank you enough for all that you have meant to Brenda and me. You have loved us, supported us, encouraged us, and loved us. Oh, did I just say that again? Well, I should because you have! Jesus told His Disciples in some of His final words that the great new commandment He gave them was that they should "love one another." In fact, it was so important that He said the world will know that they are followers of Him because of their great love for each other. That's why I can honestly say: "You've been a blessing." Thank you so much for all the wonderful years and blessed memories. Let's keep on loving one another!

Pastor Larry

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

"If, then, there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, make my joy complete by thinking the same way, having the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

There's amazing diversity among the people who live across the United States, yet as Christians, we're united by a common purpose—to reach our neighbors and beyond with the gospel. That need has never been greater in North America.

Every year at Easter we give an offering to help support North American mission work. There is so much brokenness in our world and in our nation.

It's evident all around us, and we know the remedy. Our mission as believers is to carry the message of God's love, mercy, and redemption through His Son Jesus Christ to a broken world. We believe the best way to reach people is through the local church.

The Annie Armstrong Offering is named after a tireless servant of God and a courageous advocate and supporter of mission efforts. The Baptist named the annual offering for North American missions after her as a celebration of her legacy. Our special offering above and beyond our tithe will be taken during the month of April. Envelopes will be available on pews or at the front door. You can also give without an envelope just mark your check Annie Armstrong or if you give online use fund N. American Missions.



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 - Birthdays
 - Wee Worship/Blast/USA
 - UnaKids
 - Potato-Palooza
 - 2023 Easter Egg Hunt
 - **Photos**



Yippee! It looks like the bus is fixed and so we are going on the road. Where? Out to eat of course. We will be leaving the church at 11:00 AM on March 14th, so don't be late. As of this moment, Robin can not remember the restaurants name, nor can she reach Ann. Either way it will be a



great time and would love everyone to hop aboard the bus.

Room in the Inn March 18th



Grades 7-12 Join us at THE FOUNDRY!

Wednesdays

Beginning at 6:00PM till 7:15PM We're now meeting in the Basement

> March 11th Noon-2:00 PM Potato Palooza

Sunday morning Connections Group, 10:45-11:45 Bible study with Aaron Holladay and Cereal bar

Please watch Group Me and social media for updates and upcoming events!





Nancy Fielder Mar 02 Nancy Rusk

Mar 05 Derrick Wallace

Mar 07 Steve Prescott

Mar 09 Mark Schuerman

Mar 10 Steven Mason

Steven Dowdy

Tybee Wallace Mar 23

Mar 26 Joy Wallace

Mar 31 Jennifer Kent



Wee Worship

Mar 5 Chris Wurth & Kimberly Fox

Mar 12 Aaron Holladay & Caroline Kent

Mar 19 Rachelle Schuerman & Emma Szostak

Mar 26 Joy Brewer & Jody Rowland



B.L.A.S.T.

Jody Rowland

Crop and Craft

Please watch Social Media

for next date!



Announcement

On Sunday, February 26th Pastor Larry announced he will be retiring in June.



Please be in prayer for our church as we wish Pastor Larry and Brenda a wonderful retirement and that our eyes and hearts will be open to Una's opportunities in this season of change.

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During JAM, the first through third graders are enjoying the Bible, puppets, games, and crafts. Our favorite early arriver activities are drawing and Legos including building a Lego nativity scene. We always have a great time filled with laughter, fun, learning, and building relationships. The leaders and kids are making connections and memories that will last a lifetime.

Please help us to spread the word about JAM as we reach out to our community. Someone you meet may be waiting for an invitation to join us for JAM and on Sunday morning.



First Look is an exciting time with our young children through kindergarten.

We want our preschoolers to love like Jesus by serving others, showing kindness, helping, and loving everyone.

Lessons for March are:

Week 1 – Jesus washes His friends' feet – I can love like Jesus.

Week 2 – Jesus is gentle – I can be kind like Jesus.

Week 3 – Jesus helps – I can share like Jesus.

Week 4 – Jesus loves everyone – I can love everyone like Jesus.

Our March verse is "A friend loves at all times." Proverbs 17:17 NIV



For the month of March the Kids will be learning about the connection between forgiveness and God's character

No matter how much we mess up, God will always forgive us. Jesus even chose to forgive those who were crucifying Him. Because God forgives us, we should work hard to forgive others. We can decide that someone who has wronged us doesn't have to pay. With God's help, we can free ourselves from the weight of anger and bitterness. While giving the other person an opportunity to rewrite the story.

The main lessons we will teach are:

Week 1—Everyone needs forgiveness

Week 2—When you forgive others, it can change them

Week 3—Forgive others because God forgives you

Week 4—God will always forgive you.

Monthly memory verse: "Put up with one another forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. Forgive, just as the LORD forgave you." Colossians 3:13, NIRV



We are still working on learning English. I you know of someone who could benefit from this ESL class, let them know we meet on Wednesdays during JAM at 6:00 PM in the basement.

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Potato-Palooza

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY POUNDS OF POTATOES WERE DONATED BY FIVE GUYS! How amazing is that? Pretty awesome we think!

Join us on March 11th at Noon to 2 PM for our first ever Potato-Palooza. We are running on a schedule so please be sure to be on time or even a little early.

There is a sign-up sheet in the front foyer where you can also mark what you are bringing. We are having a Baked Potato Bar and need Cheese, Jalapenos, Fresh Bacon Bits, Sour Cream, Chives, Grilled Chicken, Broccoli, Diced Ham, Scallions, Chili, Salsa, Butter, and Eggs, etc. Rumor has it there are Potato desserts out there.

A little bit of everything will be going on in these two hours and it is sure to be fun and exciting. There will be Potato games. You will learn a little History of St. Patrick. Also, Target Practice...What? Yes, I have been told there will be some fun with a Potato Gun in the Backyard. Have you ever shot a Potato Gun?

So, fun, food and target practice; who would want to miss all that? See you on March 11th at Noon and don't be late.

Fun,
Food &
Fellowship!



2023 Community Easter Egg Hunt

Can you believe we are already down two months of 2023?

Wow, time is flying by and Easter will be here in a matter of weeks. Our Community Easter Egg Hunt will be on **Sunday, April 2nd at 4 PM** starting in the Gym. Arrive 30 minutes early to register and so you do not miss the FUN! In case of inclement weather, we will postpone to Saturday, April 8th at 11 AM.

One of the ways you can help is we will be starting this Sunday, March 5th we will begin collecting <u>individually wrapped candies</u> to stuff the eggs. Thanks to a generous donation last year we do not need eggs unless you buy the pre-stuffed eggs.

Another way you can help is to join the USA group on March 28th at 11 AM to stuff the eggs with candies and Bible verses.

Bro. Mark also needs help with registration, hiding eggs, setting up Tables and Chairs, Kitchen prep, etc. If you would like to help please let Bro. Mark know as soon as possible.



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Generation Scramble









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SUNDAYS

Morning Worship 9:30 am

Connection Groups 10:45 am

WEDNESDAYS—6:00 pm
Prayer Service

JAM (Children 4 yrs. old-6th grade)
Foundry (teenagers)

Office Hours Monday-Thursday 9:00-4:00



Our Purpose at Una Baptist is to Make Disciples who...



Connect with God's Word
Connect with God's World

Deacon of the Month



Aaron Holladay, wife Carrie

Food Pantry Day

We collect can goods the last Sunday of every month for those who are in need. Some of our visitors do not have a place to cook and others do. If you can help with this ministry, please contact the office. Thank you for sharing and caring!

Next collection dates:

March 26th April 30th



Our Prayer Concerns



Remember to pray when starting your day!

Our Pastors, Church & Ministries

Una Senior Adults and Our Homebound Members

Our Military Men and Women (serving at home and away)

<u>Missionaries</u> (Home and International)

Homeless Population

Our Church Family with health issues

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Our Nation, Elected Leaders

Una Baptist Childcare

JAM, Children's Ministry & Youth

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